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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

The big fight has been signed, sealed—and is now to be delivered. Carmen Basilio puts his world middleweight title on the line against Ray Robinson who will be looking to win the crown for the fifth time. The place is Chicago Stadium, the date is March 25. But before that, in the April issue of The Ring, read the pre-fight coverage, reports from the training camps, the condition of the battlers and the final summation by a staff of experts.

Many champions have come and gone in the last thirty years, some to the great beyond, others into obscurity and some to gain still greater fame. Al Buck traces the Fighters of the Year for the past three decades and in an interesting yarn tells us how they fared with the passing of time, where they are and what they are doing.

Rarely does a fighter after his days of ring activity are over continue on to put his knowledge to good use. Great fighters don't make great managers, strange as it may seem. Lester Bromberg delves into this unusual subject and arrives at some startling reasons for their failure.

Frankie Ryff was always a better than a good little fighter—but his tendency to cut easily had been a drawback to him. A surgery job and a long layoff seems to have done wonders for him as his comeback fights reveal. Read this revealing profile of a fighter making a gallant comeback.

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D'AMATO Reveals All

By DAN DANIEL

Meanwhile Patterson is headed for England to defend his title.

Cus D'Amato

HOPES for a bigger and better year in boxing stem, in a large measure, from the belief that there can be a settlement of the war between Cus D'Amato, manager of world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, and the International Boxing Club and Jim Norris.

If D'Amato's rebellion against the IBC tactics continues to the exclusion of a 1958 title defense by Patterson against one of the recognized contenders in the United States, and the championship remains virtually frozen, considerable of the chance for a ring resurgence will be dissipated.

However, a series of talks with D'Amato have led to the impression that his battle with Norris is not beyond the area of settlement.

It would appear that if Norris yields one point and D'Amato surrenders another, there will be a position from which something important could be developed.

While all this is jelling, there is no prospect of a heavyweight championship fight in the United States in 1958.

If not in the USA, where, then? Perhaps in England. D'Amato talks of going abroad. Just what his plans are, he refuses to reveal. Perhaps they are not yet in definite form.

However, Spring is in the offing, and if anything is to be done, it will have to be done soon.

Certainly it is a situation without precedent. We have had heavyweight champions who showed a lack of interest in defense for a year or two. But here is a title holder who wants to fight, who should be cashing in on his position, with several recognized contenders, Eddie Machen, Zora Folley and Roy Harris among them—available for lush contests. But he isn't fighting because his manager is conducting a battle for principles in which he firmly believes.

Over in England, there are reports of a June or July match with Joe Erskine, the British champion. However, Joe has before him a contest with Ingemar Johansson of Sweden. Suppose Erskine loses to Ingemar?

WHAT DOES D'AMATO WANT TO END WAR?

In the United States there is a strong belief that D'Amato is aiming not so much for a fight with Erskine, but a second match with Pete Rademacher, who floored Patterson before he was beaten up in the sixth round at Seattle last August.

It has been written that the British Boxing Board of Control would not permit two Americans to meet in a world title fight in England. But D'Amato says he has been assured that the Board would not block a world championship contest over there even if two Americans were involved.

How much good would a Patterson-Erskine, a Patterson-Johansson, or a Patterson-Rademacher fight in England do the ring situation the world over? How far would one of these matches stir American interest? The answer has to be—precious little.

What does D'Amato want? What is he after? How deep is his bona fides?

The series of talks with Patterson's manager revealed him to be determined, even to the point of financial frustration, to be dedicated, even to the point of fighting against deadly odds, to be aggressive, even to the point of fighting for fellow managers who offer him no help whatsoever, and to carry suspicions to the point at which he trusts virtually nobody.

D'Amato with the heavyweight champion of the world, Floyd Patterson. Floyd's crown is D'Amato's only weapon with which to obtain realization of his dreams.

DEMANDS IBC GIVE UP ONE OF ITS TV NIGHTS

D'Amato wants the IBC to give up one of its television nights to an independent promoter.

He demands fights for his boxers other than Patterson, if these boxers are rated what he calls "potentials."

He wants boxing restored in small clubs and free enterprise in the ring revived.

To whom should one of the television nights, Friday or Wednesday, be given? D'Amato doesn't say. He no longer appears to be pushing Emil Lence, who promoted the Patterson-Hurricane Jackson fight in Yankee Stadium.

Would the television sponsors work with an independent promoter who did not present the experience, the financial stability and contractual strength of the IBC? That's something which D'Amato did not take up.

D'Amato attacks the Federal Court decision which last summer declared the IBC a monopoly.

"Wherein has the IBC been punished, wherein have its operations been curtailed? Show me the penalty for monopoly," the pilot of the world champion vociferated.

"If boxing goes on as now, it dies, and I die with it. I have to put up a struggle. I will fight in an effort to live," Cus continued.

"The man who drives a car is responsible for where it goes. Norris is driving the car in boxing. He wants it to go in the direction in which it is heading.

"I feel the noose tightening around my neck. I feel the desperation of the situation. I don't have to be in boxing. Only recently I was offered a big job. I turned it down. I belong where I am."

KNEW PATTERSON HAD IT RIGHT FROM START

"You know, I never got any work from the IBC," D'Amato continued. *"I had confidence in certain people, but they went back to Norris and informed on me. I could not believe that these managers would cut their own throats and allow their forces to be split. The old policy of divide and conquer.*

"Patterson is a far greater fighter than he has received credit for being. I knew right from the start that he would be the world champion.

"He and I had a plan. I had to resort to tricks, honest tricks, to get him a really good fight. As you know, he went along under 170 pounds. He weighed only 166 for the Troy fight.

"I put Floyd on an unrestricted diet so that he would weight over 170. I figured that managers would demand that he weigh around 165, with the idea that he would weaken himself.

"I went to Lence and said, 'I have a fighter who can do for you what Joe Louis did for Mike Jacobs.' At the time Patterson was at Helsinki, winning the Olympic championship.

"I told Lence that because conditions were changing, I would not sign exclusive contracts, but if Lence used Patterson I would not forget it."

D'AMATO FOR FIRST TIME REVEALS AMAZING EXPEDIENT

"Well, I saw that the fighters we were getting were not good for Patterson," D'Amato continued.

"The time has come to reveal what I did to handle this situation. It was something without precedent.

"On June 7, 1954, Patterson dropped an eight round decision to Joey Maxim. I didn't like this, at all. I felt that Floyd was a better fighter, and resolved do something drastic. Most of the newspaper reporters thought Patterson had won.

"I took Patterson to camp, and in secret, gave him the toughest available opponents in 22 real fights. No sparring matches. Out and out fights, in which I told Floyd to cut loose with everything he had.

"Patterson knocked out all of these 22 men. Middleweights, light heavies, heavyweights—they all fared alike. Some fought without telling their managers.

"I do not feel at liberty to disclose the names of the 22.

"I wanted to develop my man fast because the IBC was clamping down on Eastern Parkway and Lence, and I knew that soon we would have to go around the country for fights," he went on.

"I said to Patterson, 'We must not give the IBC a chance

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Left to right, James D. Norris, IBC boss, Lippy Breidbart, Tommy Jackson's manager, Cus D'Amato and Floyd Patterson with Julius Helfand, N. Y. State Athletic Commission Chairman, as the Jackson-Patterson bout was signed. After this fight rift split D'Amato and Jim Norris aud culminated in open war on part of Patterson's manager.

"IN THE INTEREST OF BOXING"

By CUS D'AMATO

THE December issue of "Ring" magazine holds me responsible for the deplorable conditions in boxing today, while ignoring the effect of the I.B.C. monopoly. I wonder whether it was sheer coincidence that "Ring" magazine has consistently rapped Floyd Patterson and me while defending the actions of the I.B.C. instead of pointing out the evils of its monopoly in boxing.

My refusal to match Floyd Patterson with Eddie Machen, Willie Pastrano and other I.B.C. controlled fighters is considered dictatorial by this magazine. Apparently they have a poor memory for public events that contradict their conclusions. This is especially true when representatives of "Ring" magazine were present at such an occasion which took place at Leone's Restaurant. At this press conference, I announced that in Patterson's first title defense, he was ready to fight any heavyweight in the world beginning with the number one contender and continuing down the line with no string attached.

In the same statement, I warned publicly that any fighters refusing this opportunity to fight for the championship in order to go along with the wishes of the I.B.C. to black-ball Patterson, would forfeit the right to meet Patterson in the future. As each fighter was approached, he refused, except for Willie Pastrano, who accepted at first, but reneged a few days later. When Pastrano's acceptance was printed in a New Orleans newspaper, his representatives denied making such an agreement.

Then Pastrano issued a personal statement saying, he would fight for no one but the I.B.C. One can easily imagine what made Pastrano change his mind, when we consider that I had also made a statement that Floyd would only fight for an independent promoter.

My position in regard to boxing has been to bring about competition on a proper competitive basis so that fight managers would have an opportunity to get the best prices for their fighters as a result of bidding instead of the promoter dictating the price. I believe that the fighter should get his fair share of the proceeds of his fights on television, theatre-television, radio and movies. His share should reflect the fight procedures used regularly before the I.B.C. entered the picture and arbitrarily changed this precedence.

As a result of I.B.C. control over theatre-television, champions receive only ten percent of the gross and the challenger only five percent. The only exception was Ray Robinson who was severely criticized for getting his just compensation.

I have always insisted that all managers with good fighter potential should have the opportunity to develop their fighters' talent on an equal footing with the darlings of the I.B.C. This talent lays idle around the country crying to be used, but because they are not in with I.B.C. stooges they remain idle and hungry. This deprives the public of the opportunity of witnessing the performance and development of these outlawed fighters. Among them there must be one or more whose performance would be so sensational that the interest of the fight fans would be rekindled. I feel very strongly about this because I have gone through this experience with Floyd Patterson. I know how difficult it was and success came only because competition existed through the Eastern Parkway arena. Without the availability of competition there might not have been a Floyd Patterson in the position he now occupies.

I have continually said that when anyone such as myself would oppose powerful forces like the I.B.C., that his statements would be distorted and he would be vilified. This is now happening in articles appearing in "Ring" and other magazines, written by people who can be best described as I.B.C. spokesmen.

Since the I.B.C. controls the only two nationally televised shows they are in a position to exclude all of those who refuse to subject themselves to the terms and will of their monopoly. This power enables them to develop the fighters of their controlled managers while more deserving fighters with greater potential belonging to independent or unaffiliated managers are forced to deteriorate because of lack of ring activity.

This forces reluctant managers to accept I.B.C. jurisdiction because the idle fighter wants to see action, and the manager wants to avoid friction with his fighter. Now the manager is subjected to situations where his fighter must fight in an area that offers little money because the I.B.C. has sponsor commitments, personal obligations or other inducements. Otherwise the fighter could have his bout where he could earn substantially more money.

My effort to oppose and expose the I.B.C. was done in the hope that some independent promoter would wind up with one of the television shows and thereby establish competition on a proper competitive basis. The manager would have the democratic right of selecting the highest bidder. Once such competition would be established then the fight managers and their fighters would be unafraid to oppose the I.B.C.

The gross that non-televised fights have drawn in the last year in different parts of the country have shown that fighters and managers can make more money without television, than with it as long as good matches are presented. The only people who profit from television shows are the I.B.C. and their stooges.

Therefore it is up to the sponsors and television networks. If they refuse to relinquish television time to competitors of the I.B.C., THEN they must face the alternative that the boxing fraternity has in rescuing themselves from the I.B.C. stranglehold that is by declaring a moratorium on television boxing shows.

Yours for competition in boxing, Floyd Patterson's manager.

Editor's Note:—"The Ring Magazine" promised to Cus D'Amato a full hearing, and the run of its columns. It has kept its side of the bargain.

In designating "The Ring Magazine" as one of the spokesmen for the International Boxing Club, D'Amato most certainly did not take the trouble to investigate before making the charge. "The Ring" has always been an independent publication.

This magazine is for action in boxing. D'Amato's attitudes have resulted in heavyweight stagnation. If its efforts to unfreeze the heavyweight title, and kill this stagnation, means that it is "a spokesman for the IBC," then "The Ring Magazine" is off the beam.

By NAT FLEISCHER

ALPHONSE HALIMI . . . His Record Unique

His Rise From A Penniless Boy To A "Millionaire" In Two Years Is Proud Achievement Of Bantam King—One Of Four French-Algerian World Champions

THE recent victory of Alphonse Halimi, French-Algerian, over Raul (Raton) Macias of Mexico, in Los Angeles, revived memories of famous Frenchmen, particularly of Algerian birth, who gained niches in the Fistic Hall of Fame. Halimi set at rest the dispute between the National Boxing Association and the European Boxing Union as to who was the rightful owner of the world bantamweight crown by gaining the decision in one of the most pleasing bantamweight bouts staged in this country in many years. So excellent a performance did Halimi give, that country-wide praise was showered on him such as few visiting boxers have received in recent years.

One's thoughts drifted back through the years to other top French ringmen whose American campaigns contributed colorful chapters to the archives of Fistiana. It hardly seems that only a half-century ago boxing was pioneered in the land of the fleuer-de-lis by crusading Americans. Prior to that, the sport was practically an exclusive U. S. and British product, but once the seed was sown by such famous ring stars as Willie and Harry Lewis, Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, Sam McVey, Billy Papke, Frank Klaus and Jack Johnson among others, it didn't take long to become the most popular pastime in France.

I recall Willie Lewis, when discussing the arrival of Marcel Cerdan in our country, remarking:

"It was amazing how rapidly the French grasped the rudiments of boxing. It seemed to come naturally with them. When I made my first trip to Paris in 1908 with Dan McKettrick, the sport was still far in its infancy. It was just beginning to take hold, yet within two years there were several dozen top boxers among the Frenchmen."

The development of Georges Carpentier unquestionably had much to do with popularizing the sport in France. Georges, a frail, skinny looking youngster, only a flyweight at the time when McKettrick brought American boxers to France, was less than 100 pounds when he began a career that led him through every division from flyweight through heavyweight. He held the title in each class.

France had produced many top men in the past three decades, among them a number of Algerians who have come to the front to take the play away from their fellow Frenchmen on the European Continent. Outstanding are Marcel Cerdan who lost his life in an airplane mishap; Young Perez, Robert Cohen and Halimi, each of whom became a world champion. We may add to them the name of Cherif Hamia, now ranked the Number One contender for world featherweight honors. Cohen held the bantam championship, a crown now adorning the head of Halimi and Cerdan won the middleweight title from Tony Zale.

Cerdan, born at Bel-Abbis, Algeria, stopped Zale in 12 rounds on September 21, 1948 to win the title and lost it to Jake LaMotta on June 16, 1949. Marcel was stopped in the tenth round. It was while enroute to America for a return engagement with Jake, that Marcel's plane struck a mountainside in a fog and crashed in the Azores killing all aboard it.

Cohen was born at Bone, Algeria on November 15, 1930. It was at Bangkok, Thailand, in a contest which I had arranged and which I judged, that Robert won the championship vacated by Jimmy Carruthers. The bout took place in a driving rainstorm on September 19, 1954 before 69,962 persons, including the King and Queen of Thailand and the Thai cabinet, Cohen winning the decision at the end of fifteen rounds of a bloody, hard fought affair with Chamrern Sonkitrat.

Halimi was born in Constantine, Algeria, February 18, 1932. As an amateur he rolled up a splendid record in a total of 189 bouts. He held the French bantam title in 1953, 1954 and 1955 and the All-Mediterranean crown before turning pro in 1955.

It was on April 1, 1957 in the Palais des Sports of Paris, that he gained a 15 rounds decision over Mario D'Agata to win the world bantam championship. He received recognition from every organization that controls boxing except the NBA which held out for Macias and on November 6, 1957, Halimi became the undisputed champ.

The first Algerian to win a world crown was Young Perez who fought between the years 1928 and 1937 and died in a German prison camp in 1942.

Perez, after clinching the French flyweight championship in 1930, gained international recognition as world title holder when he knocked out Frankie Genaro of New York, the National Boxing Association's banner bearer in two rounds. The bout was staged in Paris under the auspices of the European Boxing Union. At the time there were several claimants to the throne, Midget Wolgast and Genaro among them—and the Paris bout ended the confusion.

Of the quartet of Algerian crown wearers, three are listed in the two lower divisions.

Cherif Hamia, who was stopped by Hogan Bassey on June 24 in the contest that brought the world featherweight title to Nigeria, was born in Guergou, Algeria on March 23, 1931. Though he was halted in the final of the elimination tournament to obtain a successor to Sandy Saddler who had retired, he may yet bring another crown to his native land.

The triumph of Halimi over Macias which earned for the bantam king the 179th Ring championship belt, has created a new interest in boxing throughout France. The champion is the youngest of thirteen children of which there are seven survivors. He is single, and is managed by Phillipe Filippi.

Like almost all the good boxers of France, Halimi was well developed as boxers go before he became a pro. Most of the French lads, realizing that they must serve in the Army, take up amateur boxing and don't turn to the money chasing field until after their discharge from the service. That's why so many don't get under way before they have reached beyond the twentieth birthday.

When he arrived in this country to take off for Los Angeles for his fight with Macias, the boxing writers had him as their guest at a special luncheon at which he received "The Ring Magazine's belt. He was asked how many fights he had engaged in as an amateur and he replied:

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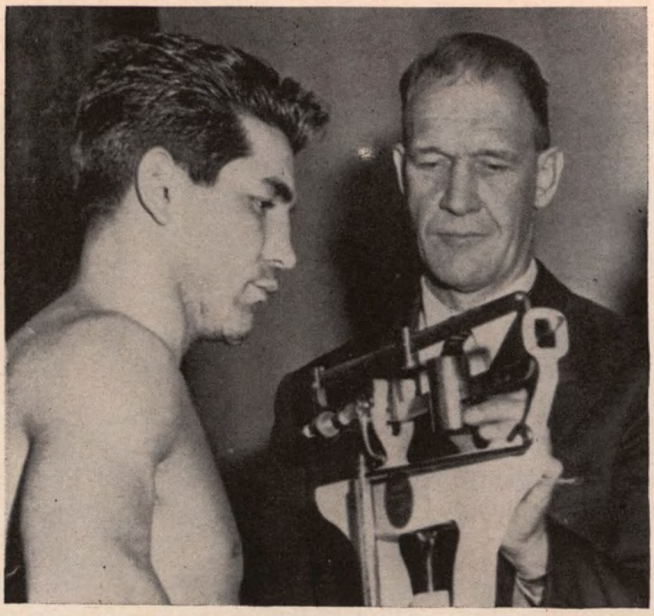
By AL BUCK



Henry Lamar, chairman of the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission, weighing in Tony DeMarco for his fight with Virgil Akins. That sovereign State proclaimed the winner, Akins, welterweight champion of the world, but the remainder of the boxing world made it plain that he would have to do a little more fighting before he had more than a claim.

COMMISSION CONFUSION

RECENTLY, following the knockout of former welterweight king Tony DeMarco by Virgil Akins in Boston, the Massachusetts Boxing Commission proclaimed Akins the successor to the throne made vacant when Carmen Basilio became world middleweight king following his victory over Sugar Ray Robinson. Immediately a furor was raised.

The World Championship Committee of which Julius Helfand, Chairman of the New York Commission, is head and the National Boxing Association, which holds membership on that committee, raised the roof in protest. The championship body, consisting of Helfand, J. Onslow Fane of the British Board of Boxing Control, Eduardo Rabret of the European Boxing Union and Anthony Petronella of the NBA had voted unanimously for a world elimination in opposition to the Massachusetts edict.

"But" said Akins, who was listed among those named to box in the eliminations, *"I am the champion by virtue of the edict of the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission. I will not compete but will fight the winner of the tournament on my terms."* Chairman Henry Lamar of the Bay State Commission, strongly supported Akins.

Hard on the heels of being chastised by the NBA for their unilateral action, the Chairman of the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission, Henry Lamar, announced that his state severed relationship with the NBA and would proceed running boxing with no outside affiliations.

The resignation from the NBA was accomplished by a letter written to NBA President Gilbert H. Jackson which charged the NBA officers with acts detrimental to boxing.

Lamar accused the NBA of an *"outright attempt to undermine and hinder boxing in the Commonwealth.*

"We are a Sovereign State and as such we have the right and power to proclaim the winner of the DeMarco-Akins fight the new champion", he declared.

But when Akins found that unless he reversed his stand and accepted the mandate of the World Committee to box in the eliminations, he would lose his chance of becoming Basilio's successor, he accepted a place in the tourney. Regardless of his change of attitude in defying the World Committee, the action of the Massachusetts Boxing Board once more has brought to public attention the mess that follows in the wake of any open title. The action of the Bay State Commission has not set a precedent, nor did the pose maintained for a few days by Akins in claiming the world crown. It has been repeated time and again.

NEW YORK OFTEN AT ODDS WITH THE N.B.A.

Commissions have not always agreed. There have been times when the New York Commission and the NBA have been at odds. As recently as 1949, when Joe Louis retired, Col. Eddie Eagan, New York chairman, refused to go along with the NBA in crowning a new champion.

Louis made a deal with Jim Norris, who formed the International Boxing Club. Norris matched Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott to fight for the vacant throne. Louis was the promoter of record, and the battle was fought in Chicago. Charles won the decision, and the NBA recognized him as world heavyweight champion. Eagan did not.

For over a year Ezz was champion everywhere, but in New York. He fought Gus Lesnevich in New York City and Freddie Beshore in Buffalo for the NBA title without the New York Commission recognizing him as champion. It wasn't until Louis came back and lost to Charles in 1950, that Eagan relented and accepted Ezzard as world champion.

Charles was not penalized for not bowing to the New York Commission. He even fought in the State as champion while the Commission assumed a head-in-the-sand attitude.

Walcott's difficulties, when he became champion, were due to the New York's Commission refusing to recognize Felix Bocchicchio, his manager. Walcott won his title in Pittsburgh where he knocked out Charles. When he declined to fight in New York unless Bocchicchio was permitted to work in his corner, the IBC promoted his title fights in Philadelphia and Chicago.

Bob Christenberry, New York Commissioner, took no action against the IBC, and for his second fight with Rocky Marciano at Chicago, Walcott collected $250,000.

LICENSE BOARD NULLIFIED N. Y. COMMISSION RULING

Joey Giardello not only defied Christenberry, he took his case against

the Commission to court. And he won.

Chairman Christenberry disagreed with the split decision awarded Giardello over Billy Graham at the Garden in 1952. He did more. He altered the card of Judge Joe Agnello, who had made Giardello the winner, and reversed the official verdict.

Giardello promptly asked the New York Supreme Court to reverse the reversal. Justice Botein heard the case, and ruled Christenberry had no authority to change Agnello's scorecard.

There has been nothing quite like the struggle for power that raged in 1926 when Tex Rickard announced he had signed Gene Tunney to fight Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight title. The racial issue was involved, as the Commission, consisting of James A. Farley, William Muldoon and George K. Brower, recognized Harry Wills, Negro heavyweight, as the logical contender.

During James J. Walker's campaign for mayor a promise had been made to the Negro voters in New York City. Wills would get a chance to fight for the championship. If Dempsey refused he would not be permitted to fight in New York State. The promise was kept, but it did Wills no good.

When Rickard picked Tunney, Farley and Brower voted to revoke his license to promote. Tex fought back, and had the support of various business groups who wanted to share in the prosperity the fight would create. Pressure was brought to bear on both the Commission, and Governor Al Smith. The Governor stood firm. He refused to interfere.

Rickard proposed to promote the fight in Chicago. He was in the Windy City, where he had the support of the Illinois Commission, when the New York board reversed itself. Brower, who had voted with Farley against allowing Tunney to fight Dempsey, joined Muldoon in sanctioning the bout.

Brower and Muldoon didn't put it over, although Farley, outvoted, washed his hands of the whole affair. Dempsey had been idle for three years and his license had lapsed. In those years there was also a license commission, consisting of James J. Phelan and D. Walker Wear. They refused to license Dempsey, and Rickard had to get out of town. He took Dempsey and Tunney to Philadelphia.

In nullifying the Commission decision, Phelan and Wear did Rickard a favor. Tunney defeated Dempsey in the rain at Philadelphia before 120,757, the largest crowd ever to see a prize fight. The gate was $1,895,733.

A month after Tunney defeated Dempsey, Wills fought Jack Sharkey. When the Boston Gob won on a foul in 12 rounds, all was forgiven. Wills, a fading veteran, was eliminated. Dempsey was licensed to fight Sharkey, and the following June knocked him out in seven rounds. This one grossed $1,083,530 with more to come. The way was now clear for a second Tunney-Dempsey bout.

But Tunney was angry because he had been forced to leave his native New York to win the title. He turned his back on his home town, or rather on the Commission, and Rickard again got out of town. This time he set up headquarters in Chicago, where Tunney again outpointed Dempsey in the famous "Battle of the Long Count." The gate receipts—$2,638,060—set a record that still stands.

Rickard returned and continued to promote in New York. Tunney made his last title defense against Tom Heeney at the Yankee Stadium. Harry Wills was the only loser. He never got a chance to fight for the championship.

SCHMELING AND BRADDOCK DEFIED N. Y. SOLONS

Both Max Schmeling and James J. Braddock defied the Commission. Both prospered and lived to tell about their wars with authority.

In 1930 Schmeling and Sharkey were the remaining survivors in a heavyweight elimination tournament started two years earlier when Tunney retired undefeated. Max and Jack clashed at the Yankee Stadium. Sharkey fouled the German in the fourth round.

Sitting on the canvas, Max Schmeling became world heavyweight champion. The ending was unsatisfactory to put it mildly, and the New York Commission ruled that Schmeling's first title defense must be made against Sharkey.

"Not so. Never," said Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's American manager, who realized Max had been badly outpointed by Sharkey in the first three rounds. Jacobs proposed to match Schmeling with W. L. (Young) Stribling, who had defeated Primo Carnera, the Italian giant, in Paris on a foul. Joe had his way, but the New York Commission, headed by James J. Farley, promptly suspended him for "life," Anyway his manager's license was revoked.

Schmeling and Stribling fought at Cleveland. Max stopped 'W.L.' in the 15th round. Now he was ready to fight Sharkey, who had grown old waiting, and should be ripe for picking. Again all was forgiven.

Farley had moved on to handle Franklin D. Roosevelt's first campaign for President. Phelan and Bill Brown were now running the Commission.

The second Schmeling-Sharkey fight took place in the Garden Bowl in Long Island City, N. Y. Sharkey won the decision and the title. The verdict created an uproar and caused Jacobs to make his immortal remark: "We Wuz *Robbed.*" For this he was suspended for "life" a second time.

Schmeling was not punished for defying the Commission.

Five years later Braddock received a slap on the wrist for doing the same thing. In fact Phelan and Brown were in Jersey Jim's corner, although neither would admit it.

In 1935 Braddock had scored an upset by winning the heavyweight title from Max Baer. He was signed to make his first title defense for the Garden. The same year saw Joe Louis forge to the front by knocking out Primo Carnera, King Levinsky, Baer and Paulino Uzcudun. The trouble was Louis was under exclusive contract to Mike Jacobs, then operating as an independent.

Schmeling was picked as Bomber Joe's next victim the following year, but in the most startling upset in ring history, the German knocked out Louis in the 12th round. Jacobs had the foresight to sign Schmeling to fight for the title, and reached an agreement with Jimmy Johnston to co-promote the bout with the Garden.

Training to defend the crown against Schmeling in September, Braddock reported he had injured his pinkie. The fight was postponed to the following June. Then Braddock repudiated his contract with the Garden and Jacobs announced the champion would defend the title against Louis in Chicago.

The Garden went to court of course, and on the Commission's order, went through the motions of promoting a Braddock-Schmeling fight. Tickets were printed, but nobody bought any. Came the date of the phantom fight, as it was called, and Schmeling weighed in. Braddock, training in Chicago, didn't show up, and was suspended in New York.

The Garden lost to Braddock in court, and Braddock lost the title to Louis in eight rounds. In addition to collecting a six figure purse, Jersey Jim and Joe Gould, his manager, were guaranteed 10 per cent of profits from all heavyweight title battles promoted by Jacobs for 10 years. Jacobs, as holder of the champion's contract, cashed in by becoming the Garden's partner in promoting fights. Later he signed Braddock to fight Tommy Farr.

The New York Commission went through the motions. Reinstating Braddock, the Commission fined him $5,000 for running out on Schmeling. It was only a gesture. Braddock fought and defeated Farr. Then he retired.

The present New York Commission has had to compromise, too. There is the case of Johnny Saxton, managed by Blinky Palermo, who is not in good standing. Saxton won the welterweight title from Carmen Basilio in Chicago.

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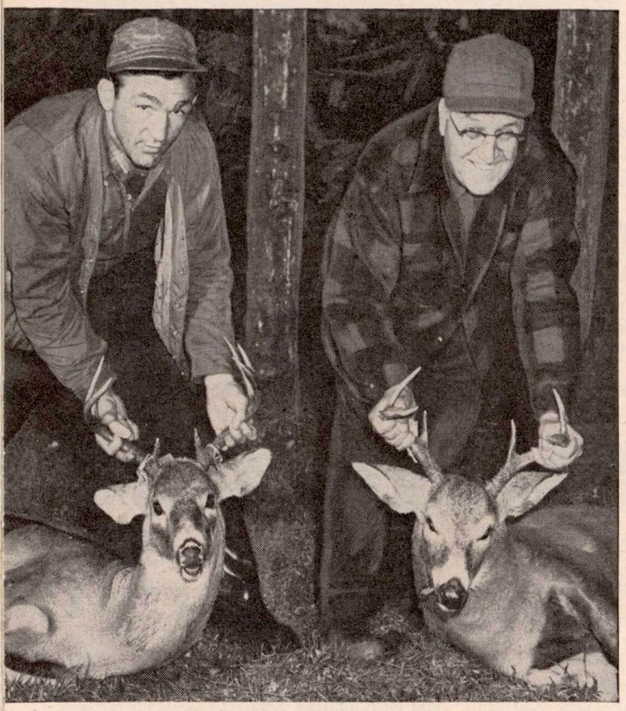
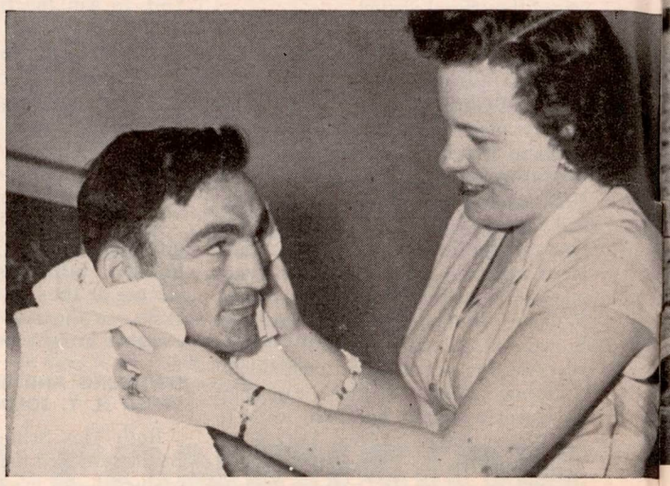
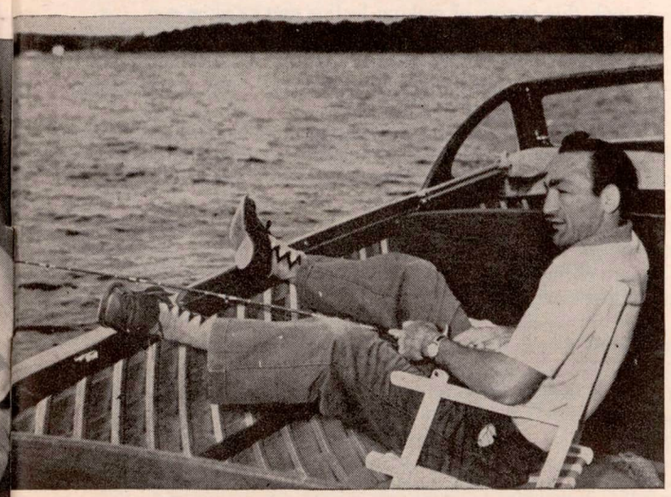
INTIMATE SLANTS ON BASILIO



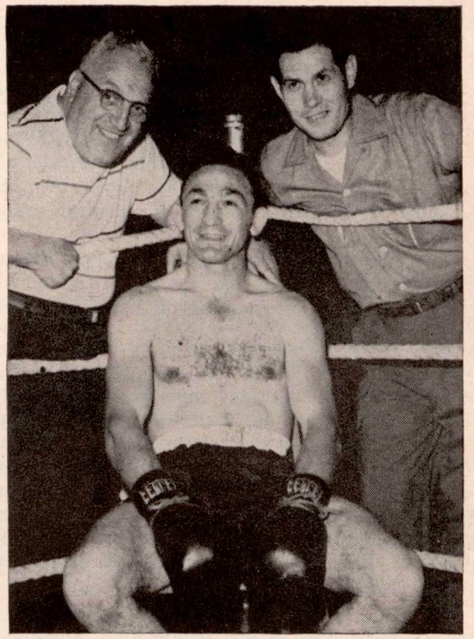
Carman Basilio (left) with co-manager Joe Netro after a successful hunting trip.



Carmen in training camp being tenderly cared for by his lovely wife Kay. They are inseparable companions.



This is the life! Carmen relaxing after a day of the hard grind at his training camp. Fishing ranks along with hunting and bowling as his hobbies.



The champ flanked by his co-managers Joe Netro (left) and Johnny DeJohn (right) who also acts as his trainer. The trio are friends as well as business associates.

Above: Basilio at a favorite pastime, bowling, at which he averages a 160 score. Below: Raiding the icebox — another pastime.

By NAT LOUBET

CARMEN BASILIO, Ring Magazine Fighter of The Year, has been profiled until every crag of his hatchet face is known by heart. He has been interviewed, scanned by newspapermen and telecasters who have analyzed and dissected him as a steer would be cut apart by a butcher.

Little has been done to reflect what Carmen is like during the most important part of his life, the larger part of his life, while preparing for a fight.

To gain the proper insight, co-managers Johnny De John and Joe Netro, were contacted. This is their story.

Carmen learned to fight early, first working on his father's onion farm and later attempting to make ends meet in Syracuse where he took on small jobs including shoveling snow for an odd buck.

Life has been an uphill fight for Carmen since youth. After his marriage to Kay, he discovered that feeding two mouths was not as easy as feeding one. Even during the war, he did it the hard way . . . a tour in the Marine Corps where he made an outstanding record.

But Kay did her utmost to take the burden off her man. She went to work. The two of them faced the world with confidence.

That belief in a good future was not misplaced and Carmen has made it big, the middleweight champion of the world.

"Carmen," said De John, "loves to fight. He would rather spar than any other stint in training. We must pry him out of the ring. Not so his opponents. Often we have to carry them out."

"He worries us sometimes," Netro interrupted. "He doesn't know how to pull a punch. Everything he does, is all out—inside as well as outside the ring.

"He depends on stamina and works at like a dog. While preparing for his fight with Ray Robinson, Johnny tried to get him to slow down because we were worried that Basilio would get stale—you know get trained too damn fine."

Carmen smiled: "Don't worry about me, let me get over the hump and from then on I'll ease off. . . . When I get in there, I want to be ready!"

What kind of guy is he and what takes place as he prepares for a battle?

"How does he take to training?

"He's a sweetheart," says trainer De John. "They should all be like him. Unlike others who get big heads, Carmen will accept any suggestion that will make him a better fighter."

"When in camp does Carmen like people around him?

"In camp or when not in training, Carmen has great affection for his friends but they have to meet his standards.

"He is one of the most discerning guys in the world. He likes real people and can pick out a phoney a mile away.

"He likes those who know the score and not the hangers-on or would-be experts who are so ready to give useless advice or ask ridiculous questions. Stuff like: 'Which is your best punch?' . . . this coming from a guy who has seen him in most of his fights . . . or 'How soon do you figure to get him?' . . .

"Then there are those who clap him on the back and tell him what a mess he'll make out of his opponent, like happened during his preparation for the Robinson fight. Those same guys were the very ones who picked Robinson in six by a knockout the day before the fight while Carmen sat in his New York hotel room reading the papers and shaking his head."

"He's a square shooter," added Netro, "a friend can say anything to him but the feller who says one thing to his face and writes another is marked lousy by the champ, and he has little use for him."

A friendly, unassuming and sincere man, he is not the talkative type and according to both De John and Netro, they have learned that once the training grind begins, they stand off a little way from this fighter. They try not to worry him with an overabundance of side remarks.

BECOMES SOMEWHAT IRRITABLE AS TRAINING ADVANCES

Said Netro: "We let him make the overtures and enjoy spending as much social time with him as he wants.

"Carmen works so hard one cannot hold it against him if he wants to be alone once in a while?

"We have always wanted to have a champ and when we connected up with Carmen we had a rarity . . . a fighter who not only wanted to be champ but was willing to pay the price to get there.

"Outside the ring Carmen never has changed," continued DeJohn, "but not so during training. He was more care-free in his early career with us but there was a gradual change as he gradually moved up the ladder and smelled the big money.

"Carmen became motivated by a driving desire to reach the top for Kay and himself. In training he drew more to himself, got more edgy and needed the solace of bowling, hunting or fishing to take the edge off.

"In more recent fights he has gotten real mean in the days immediately preceding a bout. On one occasion he was unduly short with his wife during the morning of a fight. She understood, but it bothered Carmen that Kay may have been hurt.

"In the dressing room he said, 'Johnny go find Kay for me . . . tell her I'm sorry for what I said this morning.'"

CARMEN'S WIFE IS AN UNDERSTANDING WOMAN

Kay is the perfect wife. She has learned that once in training, she must wait for her man to complete his job before she again takes her place as the main interest in his life.

Known to all as one of the nicest guys around, Carmen is kind to even those he has marked in his little black book.

Those close to him would not classify him as a "loner," but his way of life in camp would indicate that he is more of an introvert than socially inclined. Only occasionally does he wile away the time with cards or a bull session. As soon as decorum will allow he is very likely to seek seclusion such as hunting or fishing.

"This guy," says De John, "is great for walking . . . that's why he does so much hunting . . . he says that it builds him up."

We inquired about his training grind and asked what Carmen did that was usual and unusual.

His managers said that during the early days of his preparation for a bout, Carmen gets up about 5:30 and runs on road for about two miles. Back in camp, he gets a rubdown and breakfast that usually consists of fruit juice, toast, three eggs soft boiled and coffee, tea, or milk on rare occasions.

As training progresses, Basilio lays off coffee more and more. After a meal, he takes forty winks and upon waking,

he goes into his routine of exercises and complete a gym workout, gets a rub down and then sets out for the balance of the day to hunt and fish.

At night he eats his big meal of meat, vegetables, and salad. He often spends the evening, even when not in training, watching movies of fighters he is to meet or likely to meet. He notches in his memory moves of his opponent, figures counter moves and thinks out his own plan of action which he then talks over with his board of strategy, DeJohn and Netro.

As the training period goes on, he goes into a more strict routine that sees less and less time spent on hunting, fishing and relaxations, and more on grinding himself into shape.

BASILIO, IN TRAINING, ADVOCATE OF SPRINTING

Now he increases the amount of road work and does much more sprinting than the average fighter. As time passes he increases the lengths of his sprints and the speed at which he runs. After his return from the road its a rub-down, breakfast, sleep, gym workout, including his own routine of gymnastics to develop wind, muscle and stamina.

Sparring takes up a large part of his preparation and both DeJohn and Netro have a hard time holding him back. He would spar all day if he didn't run out of sparmates.

A special part of his training that is unique to Carmen is shadow boxing. He does it before a mirror so as to perfect his moves. He does it at top speed and worries the warts off his camp for fear that he will wear himself out. He will usually end his days chores by a long walk and then have his steak with all the fixings. Early to bed is a must .

A peculiar facet of Carmen's life at camp is his relationship with his wife. He is one of the very few fighters who has his wife in camp during the entire grind. The couple are so closely tuned to each other's moods that camp without Kay would be impossible to the champion.

In some ways, Carmen is a throwback to the oldtimes. He has been using a brine solution to toughen up the tissue over his eyes. Known for a long time as a "bleeder" Carmen took this means of making leather out of skin.

"It smells like H - - - but does the job," states Basilio.

Many fighters are worried about the niceties of their appearance, about the badge they may carry showing they are a fighter. Not so Carmen.

"I knew when I got into boxing that I might get marked up a little . . . I expect it . . . it's part of my business," he explained.

HE HAS MADE THE TOP, BUT NOT "KNOW IT ALL"

Although, to the boxing public, Basilio is typed, the champ does not consider himself a stylist and seeks to improve his abilities. He, according to Netro, always attempts in training to learn new ways to punch and new moves.

Actually, what comes out of all this may still be his potent left hook. But what's wrong with that punch?

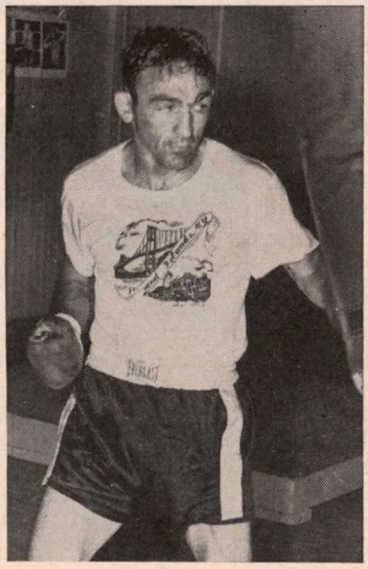
To his managers and those who are at camp with him he is the best. He's a point of affection with them and he can do little that is wrong.

To DeJohn and Netro the champion is reminiscent of our pioneer fathers. He's deep and strong, mentally as well as physically.

His co-managers rate him as a "hep guy."

"He's a wise head and a good business man. He is capable of making good at anything he wants to do."

He's a very earthy guy with the abilities to contribute to society when his fighting days are over.



Always pressing to get into better and better condition. Here Basilio is seen driving himself with two-fisted attack on heavy bag.

A family man relaxing on the lawn of his home at Chittenango, New York, with his wife Kay and nephews Freddie Thine, age 5 and Edmund Thine, a ten year older.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

THERE was a reference to Jimmy Martinez, Arizona middleweight, as a "globe-trotter" in a story we read the other day and it got us to thinking of a species of ring performer which was much more numerous in days gone by. Of course there is an occasional boxer even today who will leave these shores for a bout in England or on the Continent or in South America or perhaps even Australia. But in the days before World War II there were many boxers who spent practically their entire ring careers shuttling back and forth among the various continents of the globe.

One whose name comes quickly to mind was Freddie Miller, Cincinnati featherweight, who won the world title from Tommy Paul at Chicago in 1933 and lost it to Petey Sarron at Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1937. The very fact that Miller defended his championship in Johannesburg give some idea of his globe-trotting proclivities. The Cincinnati southpaw boxed in many cities throughout the British Isles —London, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow—in many cities throughout Europe—Paris, Brussels, Barcelona, Madrid—in Mexico City, in Havana, Cuba, in Caracas, Venezuela. And in between he appeared in almost every boxing center of consequence in the United States.

This was really travelling—in the era before space ships, before jet planes, before even airplanes were considered a routine means for getting from one place to another in a hurry. Archie Moore, one of the few so-called globe-trotters still in active competition, finds it much more convenient traipsing from continent to continent these days than did Freddie Miller. As for Jimmy Martinez, he's got some tall travelling to do to approximate the mileage of Miller or even Archie.

Silver-lining Department: The New York Times sports writer (Mike Strauss) who wrote the story about the four wrestlers fined after starting a riot at Madison Square Garden, was awarded $100 by the newspaper for the best sports story of the month.

Playing it safe? Chris Dundee, Miami Beach promoter, has followed Jim Norris' lead. Norris recently opened a bowling alley in St. Louis. Dundee has interested himself in a similar enterprise at Miami Beach.

Appreciative friends of Jack Hurley in Seattle recently tossed him a testimonial dinner, the precise reason for which appeared to mystify Hurley. He told his well-wishers: *"Apparently word has gotten around that I might be leaving Seattle and this must be sort of a farewell. Imagine, $15 a smash. I only charged $20 for the world heavyweight championship. You know, I've been connected with a few swindles myself."*

A riot broke out in a Belfast fight arena when Trinidad's Boswell St. Louis was awarded the decision over Paddy Graham, a North of Ireland lightweight, during which a spectator was cut on the head by a flying teacup. Can it be that in Belfast boxing clubs they serve beer in a teacup?

A manager was talking about one of his fighters who wasn't doing well at all and had, in fact, lost five in a row. *"I'm going to rest him up for a year,"* said the manager, *"and then retire him."*

It was a grand gesture on the part of Queen Elizabeth to honor Hogan (Kid) Bassey, world featherweight champion, with a decoration for meritorious service in his chosen field. Bassey is from Nigeria which is part of the British Empire, and singling him out in this fashion is high-level diplomacy. If George III had employed the same sort of good judgment in dealing with the Colonies (instead of adding a service charge on top of taxes for tea-parties) Paul Revere might have become a boxer instead of a jockey.

Benny Leonard always had high praise for his opponents after he had defeated them. This was sound policy —it made Leonard look that much better in the eyes of the fans. Gene Tunney to this very day always speaks of Jack Dempsey as one of the greatest heavyweights of all time. Obviously, this makes Gene great too since he twice defeated Dempsey.

Maybe it was with this same idea in mind that Bobby Boyd praised Charley Joseph so glowingly after their tussle in New Orleans recently. *"Joseph is as smart as any fighter in the middleweight division,"* said Boyd, *"and he's a lot tougher than Gene Fullmer. I'd say he is as good as any middleweight in the world."*

Well, if Joseph is as good as any middleweight in the world, what does that make Bobby Boyd, who had just beaten him?

The headline said: *"Ex-Boxer Seized on Charge of Strangling Girl."* And so we read the story to learn the boxer's name. It was not familiar but we double-checked—we went searching through the Nat Fleischer Ring Record Book all the way back to 1948. We quit at that point because the suspect was only 27. The name wasn't listed.

Doubtless just another case of a man labelled "ex-boxer" because, at 16, he had taken part in one or two amateur bouts.

Carmen Basilio has attended dozens of banquets during the past winter and has received many plaques attesting to his merit as world middleweight champion. He did manage to take off enough time, however, to have some scar-tissue removed from over his left eye. There came a dinner when a toastmaster, noting the patch over Carmen's eye, questioned him about it.

"I got hit with a plaque," answered Carmen.

"Oh," said the m.c., *"a plaque eye!"*

All the reviews are now in on Bill Heinz's book "The Professional," which deals with a boxer who is preparing for the most important fight of his career, and his manager. This is not a review but rather a comment: we think very highly of *"The Professional"* because it is a book about boxing which tells its story (and very well) without reference to phony fights, mobsters, corrupt officials, dizzy blondes, deaths in the ring. And believe it or not, every word of the book rings true.

Jimmy Cannon told a few anecdotes about Billy Conn in his New York Post column recently and one of these gave us a real chuckle. Cannon mentions an accidental meeting between Conn and Archie Moore not long ago. This was the conversation:

"Why," Moore asked, *"didn't I fight you when we were middleweights?"*

"You just weren't good enough," said Conn.

As Cannon correctly observes, Conn was a conceited man who was also a great fighter. Billy believed he could beat any fighter in the world and on a wonderful night in a ball park ring where he faced Joe Louis, in 1941, he came close to proving that he could.

Every year as the calendar moves to

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 23RD

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 Pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
2—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
3—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
4—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
5—**PAT McMURTRY,** Tacoma, Wash.
6—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
7—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
8—**WAYNE BETHEA,** New York, N. Y.
9—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
10—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse N. Y.

1—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
6—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
7—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
8—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
10—**WILLIE VAUGHN,** Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
4—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
5—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
6—**JOE LOPES,** Sacramento, Calif.
7—**BABY VASQUEZ,** Mexico
8—**AL NEVAREZ,** Mexico
9—**ORLANDO ZULUETA,** Cuba
10—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (Raton) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
5—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
6—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
7—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
8—**JOE BECCERA,** Mexico
9—**EUGENE LeCOZANNET,** France
10—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
3—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
4—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
5—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
6—**ARTENIO CALZAVARA,** Italy
7—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
8—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.
9—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
10—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
TITLE VACANT

1—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
2—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
3—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
4—**CHARLEY (Tombstone) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
6—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
8—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba
9—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

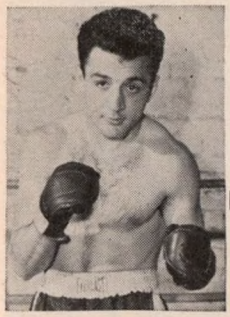
World Champion
HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
3—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
5—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
6—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
7—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
8—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
9—**SHIGEJI KANEKO,** Japan
10—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
2—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
3—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
5—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
6—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
7—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
8—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
9—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
10—**DENNIS ADAMS,** South Africa
10—**GARNET (Sugar) HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.



Fighter of the Month

VINCE MARTINEZ

THE revival of boxing in Philadelphia after a lapse of activity featured the month's boxing. It brought back into the fistic spotlight Herman Taylor as a promoter and a bout of international importance in which Vince Martinez of Patterson, New Jersey and Gil Turner, local favorite, competed in one of the eliminations to decide the successor to Carmen Basilio as world welterweight champion. The turnout and the interesting contest indicated a bright year for the sport in the City of Brotherly Love.

Martinez, by his victory, gained the "Fighter of the Month" award. He is now ranked next to Virgil Akins among the contenders with Isaac Logart leading the field.

The month was a short one so far as ring activity was concerned due to the Yuletide festivities that curtailed shows around the world. This was particularly true in the heavyweight class in which most of the top men remained idle.

In that class the name of Tommy Jackson has disappeared from the rankings for the first time in several years. He has been retired by most commissions due to his physical condition.

Ingeman Johansson of Sweden has replaced him in tenth post, a position he has held previously.

Clarence Hinnant, who drew with Yolande Pompey, has been advanced in the light heavyweight class from tenth to eighth.

In the middleweight division, Neil Rivers has been dropped to make way for Bobby Boyd of Chicago, winner over Charley Joseph. Boyd returned to eighth place and Joseph was dropped a peg to ninth.

Surprising was Spider Webb's four round knockout over the third ranking Rory Calhoun. Webb thereby climbs into third and Calhoun drops to sixth.

The welters, due to the big prize awaiting the winner of the elimination tournament, continue in the spotlight, Tony De Marco, exchanged places with Smith and is now fifth and Akins has replaced Logart in the number one spot due to the knockout of De Marco by Akins in the twelfth.

There were no changes in the lightweight class but several in the feather. Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio, has leaped into second place by virtue of his triumph over Victor Manuel Quijano. Moore was upped from third and his victim has been eliminated from the first ten.

Jean Sneyers went down from seventh to eighth, exchanging posts with Ricardo Moreno of Mexico. Sneyers lost his latest contest, to Gracieux Lamperti, the referee stopping the bout due to a severe cut above Sneyers' eye.

Most of the month's changes took place in the last two classes. In the bantam division, Dante Bini of France, who previously was listed eighth, has been dropped to make room for Eugene La Cozannet of France who won the French crown from him. Eugene is listed ninth.

Joe Beccera of Mexico advanced from ninth to eighth and Jose Lopez of Mexico, from seventh to fifth due to three knockouts during the month.

Piero Rollo of Italy dropped from fifth to sixth and Manuel Armenteros of Cuba, from sixth to seventh.

Raton Macias of Mexico continues to head the contenders with Mario D'Agata of Italy, Leo Espinosa of the Philippines and Al Asuncion of the same country, following in that order.

Orient Champion Pone Kingpetch of Thailand, who won on a disqualification over Dommy Ursua in a riotous affair in Bangkok, has been upped from sixth to third and his victim dropped from third to fourth. Lefty Iwamoto of Japan, who lost his title to Sadao Yaoita, dropped from fourth to seventh and the new champion is now listed eighth.

Hisoshi Misako of Japan, inactive, was removed to make room for Yaoita. Ramon Calatayud of Venezuela, winner over Oscar Suarez of Cuba, advanced from ninth to sixth while Memo Diez of Mexico, inactive, went down from seventh to ninth.

Here are the month's leading results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Zora Folley outclassed Garvin Sawyer, 10.

Former Argentina Olympia Jose Georgetti made his pro debut by kayoing Martin Nunez, 1, Nunez also was kayoed in 7 by Alberto Marchione. Frankie Daniels defeated Monroe Ratliff, 10.

Alfredo Zuany kayoed Lajuin Burks, 2. Ernest Terrell outscored Cal Butler, 6. Willie Wilson stopped Miguel Alvarez, 5.

Sid Peaks was stopped by light heavyweight Harold Johnson, 5. Australian Champion Allen Williams retained title in two defenses, stopping Steve Zoranich, 15, and Peter Lake, 12. Buddy Turmen kayoed Oscar Pharo, 1.

Bill Pickett kayoed Ose Groom in a big upset in 1. Bob Butcher defeated Tommy Fields, 10. Unbeaten Massimo Zanaboni continued along his winning way by trouncing Hans Drabes, 8.

Wayne Womochil kayoed Don Jasper, 9. Ruben Vargas kayoed Eddie Cato, 6.

Herman Henry kayoed Dick Tanner, 2. Floyd Palmer drew with Bill Lords, 6. Rudy Watkins beat Frank Williams, 6.

Doug Sherer kayoed Bob Higgins, 3. Bruno Scarabellin whipped Giannino Luise, 8.

Uber Bacilieri retained Italian title by outpointing Federico Frisco, 12. Chuck Jasper kayoed Bill George, 3.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion Archie Moore outpointed Luis Ignacio, 10 (non-title).

Harold Johnson kayoed heavyweight Sid Peaks, 5 and decisioned Bert Whitehurst, 10.

Dogomar Martinez defeated Pablo Sagrispanti, 10.

Orville Pitts stopped Joey Rowan, 6. Bob Young bested Juan Pomare, 8. Jacques Bro drew with Horst Niche, 8, and kayoed Hans Strelecki, 4. George Jarosch bested Chuck Craig, 8.

Jesse Bowdry stopped Joe Thomas, 3. Freddy Mack beat Floyd McCoy, 6. Tommy Simms stopped Eloy Vann, 7.

Louis Bailey stopped Eddie O'Hara, 4, but lost to Sonny Ray, 6. Floyd Brooks defeated Ducky Dietz, 5.

Harry Ball kayoed Dick Lowery, 5. Chuck Whittley defeated Howard Lee, 5. Richard Wilburn bested Puggy Jones, 6. Cardell Farmos decisioned Willie Gray, 6.

Unbeaten Gilbert Chapron was held to draw by Michel Diouf, 10. Al McCoy beat Lee Failes, 6. Johnny Fratius kayoed Charley Falkue, 2. Albert Finch drew with Jack Whittaker, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Joey Giardello whipped Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 10.

Bobby Boyd outfought Charley Joseph, 10.

South American champion Andres Selpa retained his title by kayoing Tito Yanni, 7.

Germinal Ballarin whipped Italo Scortichini, 10. Sugar Boy Nando Kayoed August Inerarity, 8. Gilbert Lavoine outpunched Michel Masson, 10.

Mickey Crawford outboxed Chico Vejar, 10. Max Resch stopped Robert Guivarch, 7. Ubaldo Sacco defeated Esteban Caprani, 10, and drew with Julio Camino, 10.

Marcel Pigon decisioned Louis Mourros, 10. Clarence Cook decisioned Ernie Smith, 10. Lou Joseph kayoed Ernie Gibson, 2.

36-year-old Belgian champion Kid Dussart outpointed Jean Ruellet, 10. Victor Zalazar kayoed Oscar Montos, 2. Al Andrews defeated Louis Bailey, 8.

Joe Fusco stopped Billy Taylor, 3. Jim Hegerle defeated Jim Sargent, 8. George Chimenti decisioned Eddie Wright, 8.

Joe DeNucci kayoed Joe Green, 3. George Harrell kayoed Ricardo King, 3. Jimmy Hopkins beat Bernie Ford, 8.

Gerry Van Eyck beat K. O. McCoy, 7. Danny Perez bested Orlando DiPietro, 6.

Paul Diaz defeated Guillermo Diaz, 8. Johnny Neal won over Don Jose, 5. Randy Sandy defeated Eddie Andrews, 10.

Eddie Dixon won from Juan Pomare, 6. Billy Todd kayoed Angelo Brisci, 4. Pete Gonzales beat Sonny Hett, 6.

Joe Washington defeated Jimmy Hopkins, 6. Ray Sheppard beat Gordon Van Loo, 6.

Al Jurgens kayoed Lupe Albarado, 4. Pero Bradley defeated Johnny Gillespie, 6. Billy Cox kayoed Johnny Green, 3.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Charlie (Tombstone) Smith stopped Joe Miceli, 7.

Garnet (Sugar) Hart defeated Larry Baker, 10.

Art Aragon returned to action and whipped Woody Winslow, 10, and kayoed Joey Abasta, 6. Martintiano Pereyra kayoed Miguel Zalazar, 3.

L. C. Morgan outpointed Ray Greco, 10. Cirilo Gil won from Arturo Gonzalez, 10.

Jorge Fernandez kayoed Alberto Rodriguez, 4, and Alberto Billaflor, 2. Larry Boardman kayoed Peter Schmidt, 6. Del Flanagan outboxed Abie Cruz, 10.

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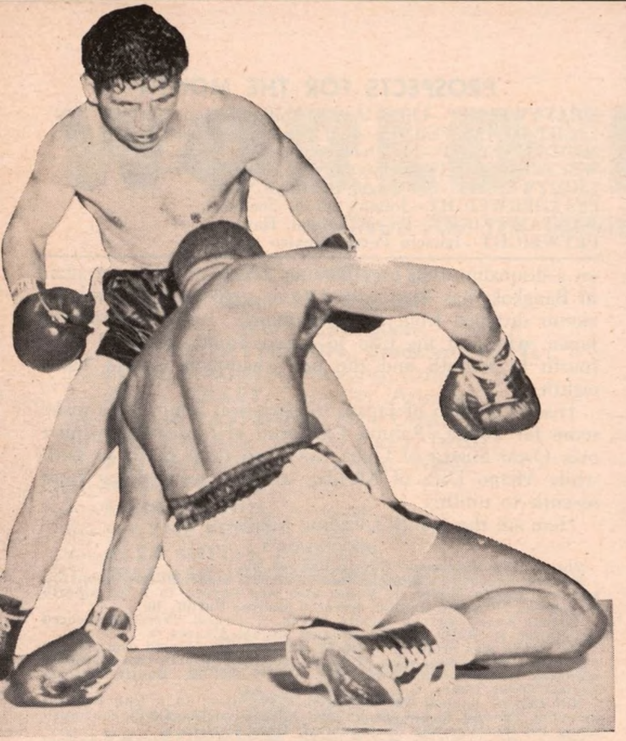
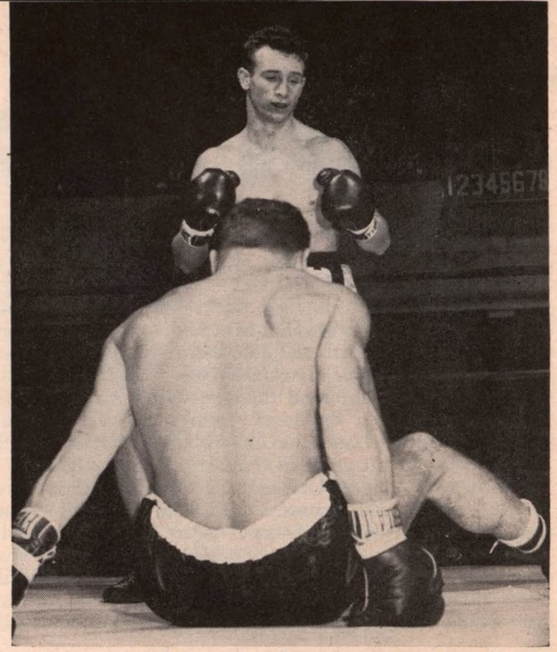
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

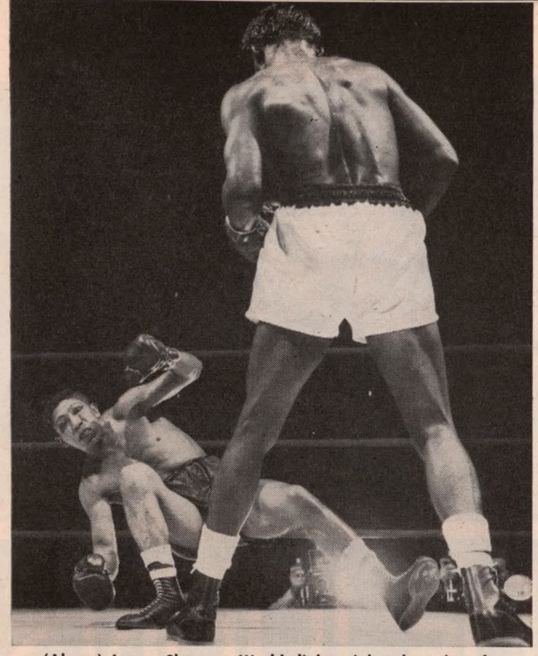
HEAVYWEIGHT—Chuck Jasper, Duluth, Minn.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Ron Washensky, East Liberty, Pa.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Joe DeNucci, Boston, Mass.
WELTERWEIGHT—Dennis Moyer, Portland, Oregon
LIGHTWEIGHT—Sid Lugo, Brooklyn, N. Y.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Johnny Kidd, Scotland
BANTAMWEIGHT—Floyd Gatiuan, Hawaii
FLYWEIGHT—Ignacio Perez, Mexico



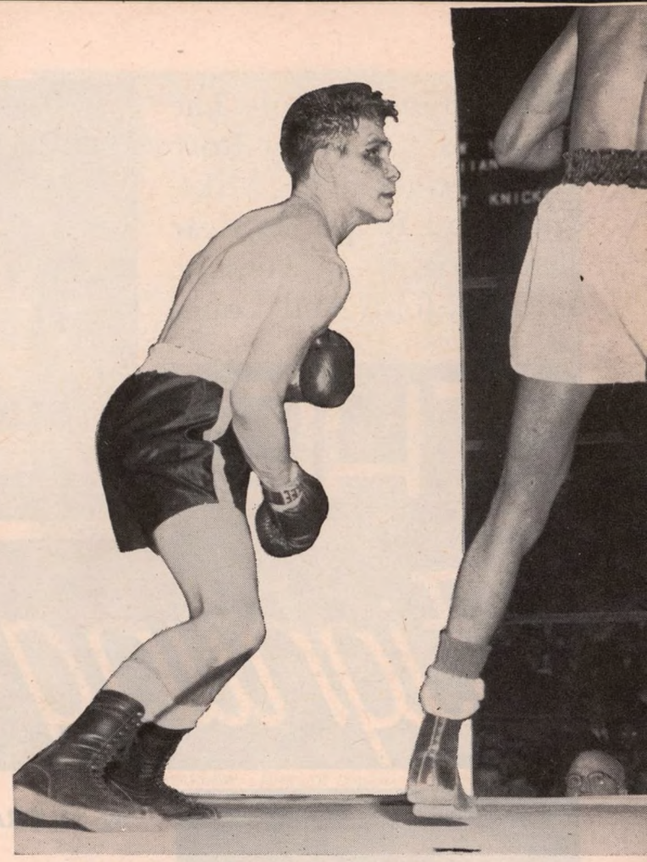
(Above) Tiger Tamed. Joey Giardello, ranking middleweight contender, drops Ralph (Tiger) Jones in third round of their bout at Miami Beach, Fla. Giardello won unanimous ten round decision.



(Above) Peter-ed Out. Peter Schmidt bounced Larry Boardman for a first round knockdown in welterweight go at St. Nicholas Arena, but then petered out as Boardman come on to stop him in sixth round.

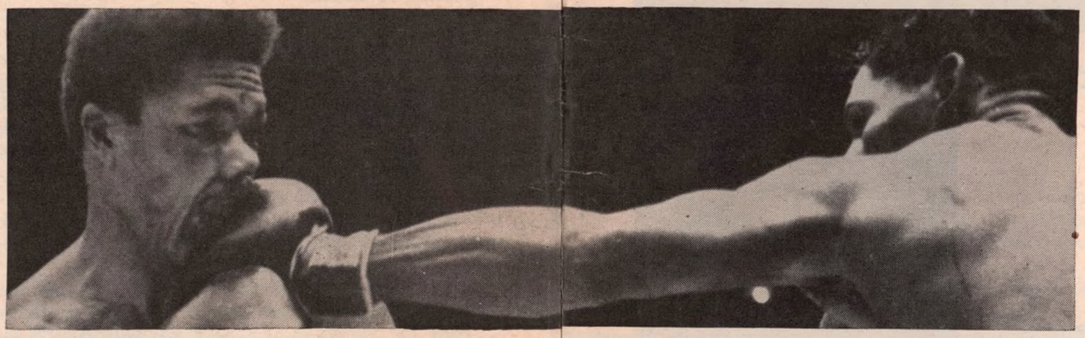


(Above) Lopes Slopes. World lightweight champion Joe Brown pounds challenger Joe Lopes to canvas in eleventh round of title bout at Chicago Stadium. Lopes made a game try of it but bout was stopped moments later.

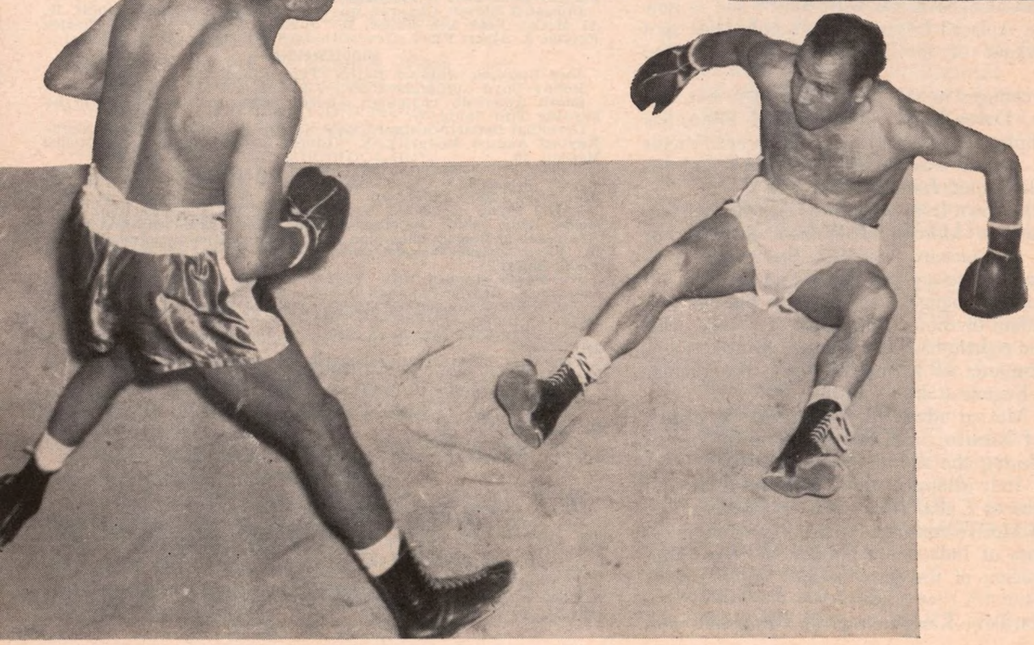


(Above) Tombstone Delivered. Joe Miceli looks ferocious but was running out of steam in substitute welterweight match with Charley (Tombstone) Smith at Madison Square Garden. Miceli could not continue after seventh and bout was stopped.

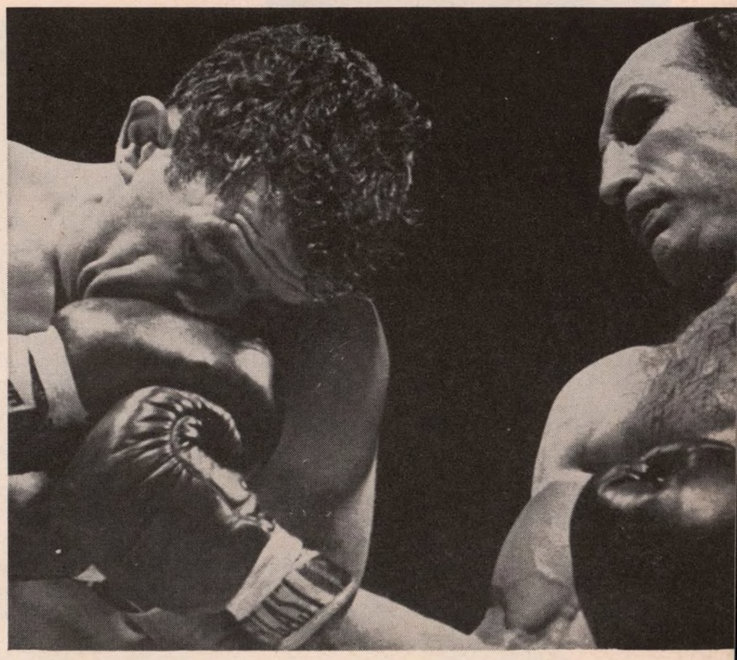
(Below) Busso Gets Busted. Johnny Busso (left) blocks a right uppercut thrown by Paolo Rosi during lightweight bout at Madison Square Garden. Blocked blow still flattens his features as Rosi won split ten round decision.



(Above) All That's Left. Clarence Hinnant (right) throws a long left to jaw of Yolande Pompey of Trinidad during light heavyweight bout at Chicago Stadium. The ten round bout between the rated fighters ended in a draw.



(Below) Russell the Muscle. Russell Sands knocked Algerian lightweight Hoacine Khalfi to the canvas five seconds after their bout began at the Stadium, Sydney, Australia. Khalfi got up but Sands went on to win twelve round decision.

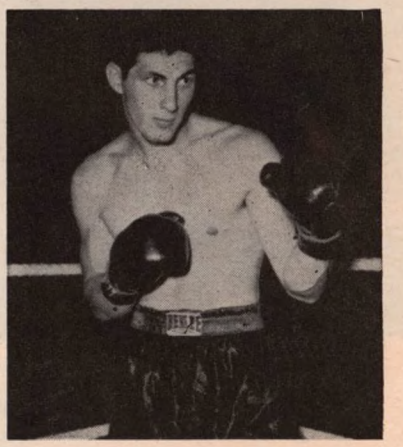


FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

A Two-Fisted Family The DeJohns . . . Front Row (left to right) . . . Mike, Joey And Ralph. In Rear (left to right) . . . Tommy, Carmen, John And Louis.

THE *Fighting* DEJOHNS

By MURRAY GOODMAN



Left, Mike DeJohn, new heavyweight threat gets advice on developing stomach muscles from friend Carmen Basilio, the middleweight champ of the world. Right, Mike in a fighting pose.

MIKE DEJOHN was about ready to call it a boxing career when he was matched to fight Alex Miteff, the Argentine heavyweight sensation, in Syracuse a few months ago.

What happened may not be fistic history, but it did stun the boxing world. DeJohn knocked out The Ring's tenth-ranked and hitherto undefeated Miteff in one round. That was DeJohn's first major main event and the first time the Syracuse giant had been seen on television.

"Mickey never surprised me," said John DeJohn. *"We always knew he had the ability but he was discouraged and was ready to quit. We took the Miteff fight while Carmen Basilio was training for Ray Robinson. Mickey trained with Carmen. That was the first time he ever trained more than two or three days for any fight. He used to figure it was silly to train hard for five or six weeks to make $150. But this was a chance. Carmen inspired him and Mickey got in real condition for the first time."*

The story of the DeJohn family is strictly a ring story—25 years of fighting. There were seven boys born to Michael DeJohn, now 66, and retired. Mother DeJohn passed away in 1949.

John, 44, is the oldest. Then comes Ralph, 41, Carmen, 37, Louis, 33, Joey, 30, and Tommy, 28, with Michael, Jr., 27.

"I was the only one who didn't fight," explains John, almost apologetically. *"Oh, I was tough in street fights but I felt that being the oldest I had a greater responsibility.*

"Ralph was the best pro in the family, although Mike may yet pass him by. Ralph was just like Jimmy Slattery. He fought from 1935 through 1948 and could have been middleweight champion, he was that good. He still goes into the gym with some of the boys and makes them look sick.

"We were born into fighting. My father never fought but he was a laborer and strong as they come. I've seen him dump a few tough guys when he had to," John resumed.

JOEY CUT SHORT A PROMISING CAREER

"Carmen was a professional middleweight but didn't have the interest in boxing that Ralph did. Louis might have been great but he went into the Navy and when he came out, Joey was going good and he didn't want anything to interfere with Joey's career.

"Joey! Now, there was a boy! He could have been great. But he went off and got married and that stopped him. He wouldn't stay in condition and started wandering. He has lived in California and now lives in Buffalo. He's planning a comeback and maybe he'll do it. You never know with Joey.

"Tommy fought in the golden gloves and was a welterweight, the smallest of them all, but he never turned pro. Mike is the star now and maybe he'll get there. He's like Jack Sharkey and Jimmy Slattery—a boxer who can punch. He has a right cross that can knock anybody out and he's got the Great DeJohn left hook. All the DeJohns had a left hook.

"Louis was the best street fighter in the family and Mickey next.

"I started working with Mickey when he was 5 years old, teaching him everything I knew. He's got great strength, probably from being a laborer for a concrete flooring outfit. He still works at it.

"He liked softball and baseball and played semi-pro ball. He was a pitcher in soft ball and an outfielder in hard ball. What a hitter! He fought maybe a dozen amateur fights and then decided to take a crack at the pros. Miteff was his first big chance."

What about Mickey's future?

"We'd like to fight Mickey once a month—anybody. We'll take Willie Pastrano, Pat McMurtry, or Roy Harris, especially Harris.

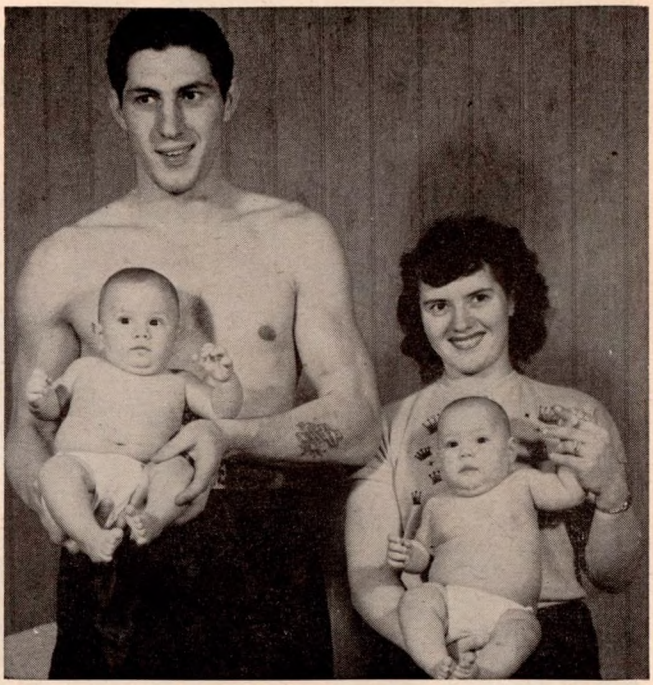
"Eddie Machen is the most dangerous. Floyd Patterson is the champion and he must be good. Mickey boxed both Pastrano and Zora Folley in the gym. He'll take either one.

"Mickey's got something to work for. He married a Scotch girl, Marion, two years ago, and they have twins—Michele and Michael, a year old."

FOCUS IS ON MIKE, NOW
A WORLD RATED HEAVYWEIGHT

How are the DeJohns doing now?

"My father is retired but he has never stopped being a fight fan since he saw a film of the Jim Jeffries-Jack Johnson fight. Ralph is a bartender. Carmen works in construction, in charge of oiling machines.



Mike DeJohn with his wife, Marion, and their twins, Michele and Michael. The DeJohns have been married for two years.

Louis works with me in the management of fighters. I became a manager with Joe Netro as a partner. Joe managed Ralph, you know. Joey, of course, is waiting to decide on a comeback. Tommy is an apprentice cement finisher. Everybody is married and happy."

Right now, the focus is on Mike. Mike stands 6 feet, 2½ inches in height, has a tremendous reach and moves like a welterweight.

"All he ever needed," added John, *"was an incentive and confidence. He's got the incentive now with his twins and a big win.*

"He's got the confidence, too, off that knockout. He'll knock Miteff out every time they fight.

"He's like a fighter out of the past. He has speed, sense,

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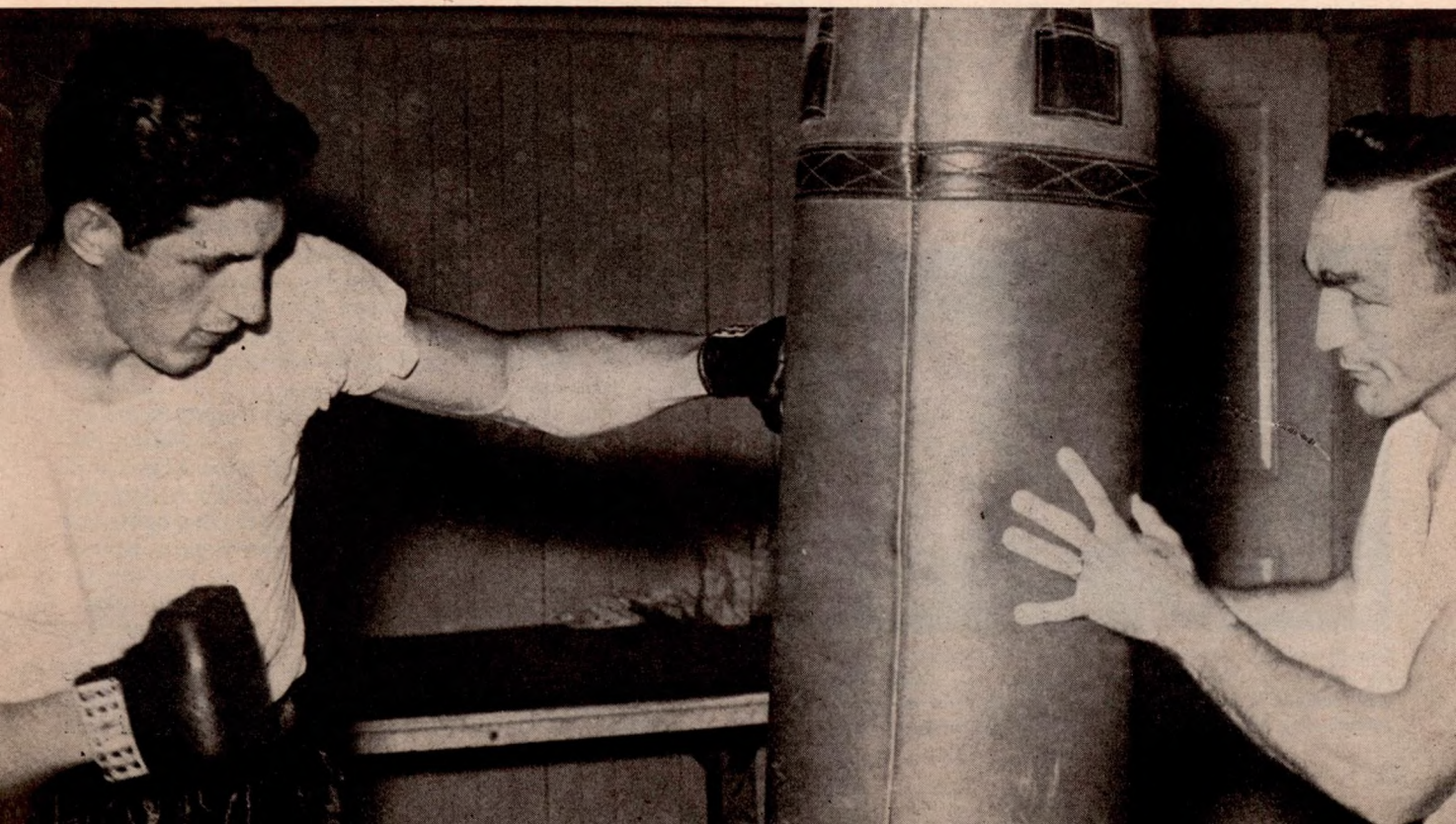


Mike (left) a hard puncher gets a helping hand from Basilio during a gym workout.

BOXING OUTLOOK SPLENDID FOR 1958; FINE YOUNG BOXERS AND NEW PROMOTERS APPEARING IN ALL PARTS OF WORLD

THERE is a definite uptrend in boxing throughout the world. Reports received by The Ring from correspondents scattered across the seven seas and five continents indicate that 1958 will be the best year the sport has known in a decade. The reason mainly is a resurgence of interest by the public, inspired by the development of colorful local attractions.

In the United States it has become more and more noticeable that cities which had been out of boxing for a long time have been getting back into circulation. Exact figures are not available, but it is estimated that more fight cards were staged throughout the nation in 1957 than in any year of the preceding five.

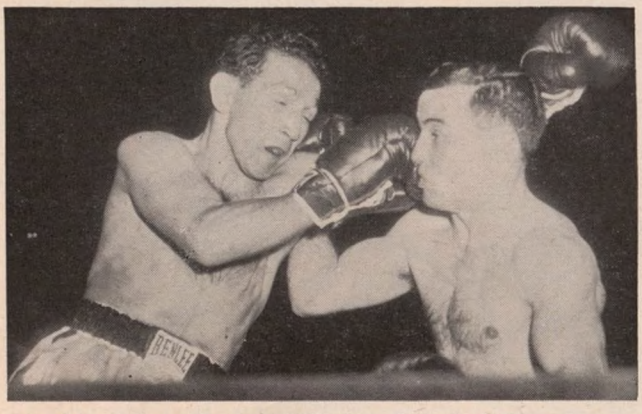
Many fans, becoming bored by TV performers who have little or no direct appeal to them, are turning to their neighborhood clubs to root for live hometown products.

Financial figures reported by New York State for the last twelve months are significant. The total gate receipts for the year amounted to $1,283,409.60. With television revenue added, the aggregate reached $3,046,384.60. These figures may not compare too favorably with those of the lush eras of Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs, when boxing was at its flourishing peak throughout the state and yearly totals often went to $10,000,000.

But in these changing times, with only three clubs operating in the state, and competition from other athletic and entertainment fields becoming steadily stiffer, they are not to be lightly regarded. There certainly has been no weeping or wailing in the offices of the New York Commission. From boxing alone, the taxes brought in a handsome $152,317.43 for the year.

Wrestling also did its share by contributing $51,017.01 to the Commission's coffers from total gate and TV receipts of $1,020,340.20.

The outlook for 1958, not only in New York but throughout the world, is for a continuing boom.



One of boxing's wonder men, Willie Pep of Hartford, Connecticut, on his way to an effortless 10-round decision over Jimmy Connors, of New Bedford at the Boston Garden. Pep, 35 years of age, has been campaigning for 17 years. His opponent was 20 years old.

PROGRESS IN HAVANA, GERMANY, ENGLAND, ITALY

In Germany, Jack Tree, our correspondent, reports that things are humming. Joachim Gottert, who stages contests in various parts of the country, has planned a program that will pit many American and other foreign boxers against the best of Germany.

Like Jack Solomons, he encountered some opposition last year, but such competition is good for the sport. In Willie Knorzer and Fritz Gretzschel, Gottert has interesting competition. Knorzer staged six shows in 1957. Gretzschel who made a comeback and hopes to entice some of the big shots to perform under his guidance, staged four contests.

Boxing is definitely on the upgrade in Germany as it is in England and in Italy.

While in Cuba recently I had the pleasure to interview Colonel Fernandez Miranda and Commissioner Azua, of the Cuban Sports Commission, and was amazed at the progress that country, despite its political battles, is making in the amateur field.

It is from this group that the pros are gathered for the contests that are weekly staged in the Sports Palace. No amateur is permitted to engage in a professional fight until he is graduated from the amateur ranks. Then only can he obtain a license. Since most of the top ranking fighters of Cuba are veterans, the advance of the simon pures is most encouraging for Antillean boxing.

LEVENE'S RISE CUTS INTO SOLOMON'S PROMOTIONS ABROAD

Competition is the spice of life. British boxing fans are realizing this since the rise of Harry Levene as a big time promoter. Though Levene has not had the success of Jack

Solomons in the promotional field, he has aroused a new interest in the sport in England. With the removal of the huge tax from boxing, he has found it possible to import foreign talent and has built for himself a strong position among British promoters.

While Solomons has built a ring empire with international contests in which the top men of many countries, including world champions, have headlined his shows, the rise of Levene has forced Solomons to maintain his high standard to retain his prestige. Lack of competition, as we have seen in the U. S. A., frequently causes promoters to become careless, but with keen rivalry, alertness is essential.

Should Cus D'Amato, manager of world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, carry out his plans to campaign with Floyd, and three former Olympic champions—Peter Rademaacher, Joe Shaw and Jim Boyd,—under the promotion of Levene this year, that would strengthen Harry's hands. As for Solomons, he is arranging to bring to the British Isles a number of the leading American boxers in various divisions to counteract the heavy publicity Levene has obtained through his alliance with D'Amato.

Things are certain to hum in London if Harry and Jack put their plans into operation.

SOLOMON'S PROPOSAL MEETS DISAPPROVAL

The proposal of Solomons to have the British Boxing Board of Control adopt the American system of judging a fight, with two judges to assist the referee, hasn't met with much enthusiasm. The general opinion is that the one man system in use for upwards of 200 years in England, should be continued. In offering the change, Solomons correctly pointed to the large number of disputed verdicts which in recent months have aroused the ire of the fight fans, and declared that with three officials, this could be eliminated. Perhaps. That's a disputable point.

In America we feel that the three judges offer an opportunity for greater accuracy. Jack fails to realize that we have had under our system too, many "boners" in judging.

Jack Hart, one of England's outstanding big time referees, in a TV interview on the subject remarked:

"I affirm my complete faith in the British one-man system. Our officials are fully capable of counting up the points and seeing that our rules are carried out properly. The British system, is the best in the world. There should be no meddling with it."

And so Solomons' plea has fallen on deaf ears. I have seen hundreds of British contests in my twenty-nine trips abroad, and I agree with Hart. If a referee is competent, there is no need for the assistance of others. I have seen mis-carriages in Britain as I have in America. The "boners" are about on a parity.

BILL HEINZ AND BARTON ADD TO BOXING LITERATURE

It is amazing to note the influence sport has on the everyday life of our people. The daily press devotes more and more space to sports activities; radio stations keep increasing sports coverage; and sports topics in television are listed tops in Hooper ratings. Scarcely a magazine of national interest doesn't carry at least one sports story, frequently on boxing.

Not in years have so many books on sports been published as during the past two years, many of which have boxing for their background. Many years have elapsed since a novel on the sport has been brought forth that so accurately portrays the activities of fighter, manager and trainer prior to a championship fight, a vivid story with a background that only one who has been through the mill as a sports writer and has had the rosin dust fill his nostrils, has listened to the lingo of the hangers-on about the camp and has studied their idiosyncrasies, could write.

Annual Christmas party for staff and friends held at The Ring Magazine Office. The editors and staff of The Ring extend best wishes and a Happy New Year to its readers.

Such a novel, "The Professional" has just reached the book shops. It was written by W. C. ("Bill") Heinz (Harper and Brothers, $3.95). It is an authentic novel of a boxer, his mentor and the days immediately preceding a title contest. Critics have often said that the best writing in our country has been done by sports writers and if that of "Bill" Heinz is a criterion, the case has been proved. He is following closely in the footsteps of former greats in sports journalism—Bill McGeehan, Damon Runyon, Ring Lardner, Heywood Broun, Quentin Reynolds, Tom Meany, Bud Shulberg, John Lardner, Jack London among many others, whose boxing stories have endeared the writers to the lovers of things pugilistic.

"The Professional" is a standout. It is wonderfully exciting—a perfect picture—how they carry on in camp life—their talk and their actions true to life. The book is a classic on its field and no boxing enthusiast should be without it.

GEORGE BARTON WRITES STORY OF HIS CAREER

Another book that should be in the library of every sports enthusiast is "My Lifetime In Sports" (Olympic Press—Price $3.95), the story of a career in sports journalism that started half a century ago, written by George A. Barton, Sports Editor of the Minneapolis Star until his retirement this year at the age of 72. Barton, a unique figure in boxing. Born in Northfield, Minn., February 20, 1885, a former amateur and pro in glove contests, a referee, an outstanding figure in football, officiating and for many years chairman of the Minnesota State Athletic Commission and now its secretary and a former president of the National Boxing Association, recounts in vivid style his experiences in all fields of athletics.

Included in this well written, interesting book are stories about Connie Mack, Dan Patch, the great trotter, the beginning of football at Minnesota University, the story of Minnesota boxing, the Christmas tale of Billy Miske and his bout with Jack Dempsey, Dempsey's major contests

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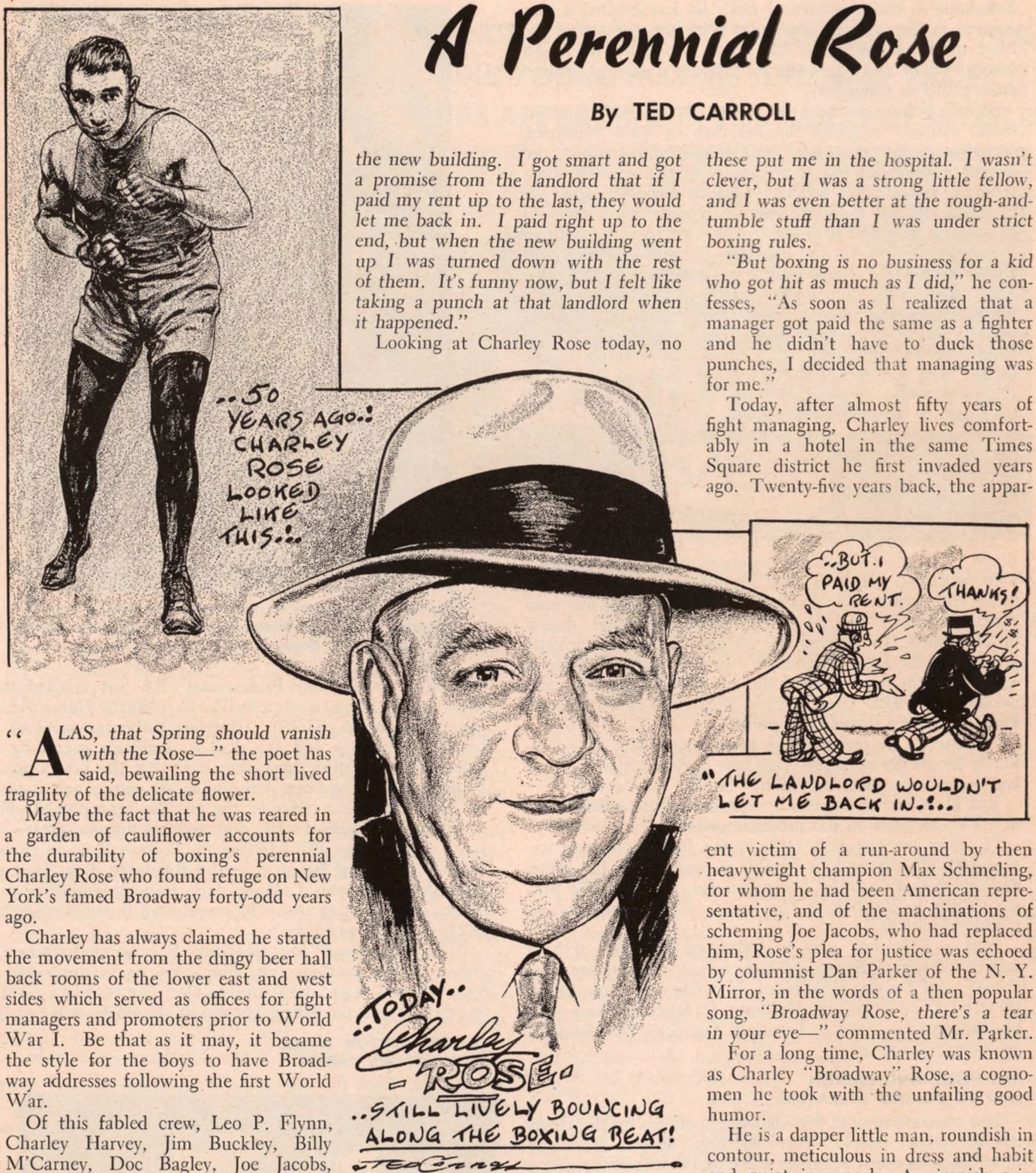
A Perennial Rose

By TED CARROLL



"ALAS, *that Spring should vanish with the Rose*—" the poet has said, bewailing the short lived fragility of the delicate flower.

Maybe the fact that he was reared in a garden of cauliflower accounts for the durability of boxing's perennial Charley Rose who found refuge on New York's famed Broadway forty-odd years ago.

Charley has always claimed he started the movement from the dingy beer hall back rooms of the lower east and west sides which served as offices for fight managers and promoters prior to World War I. Be that as it may, it became the style for the boys to have Broadway addresses following the first World War.

Of this fabled crew, Leo P. Flynn, Charley Harvey, Jim Buckley, Billy M'Carney, Doc Bagley, Joe Jacobs, Silvey Burns, Eddie Mead, Jimmy Johnston, Jimmy Kelley, Lew Raymond, Paddy Mullins, Harry Neary, Tom O'Rourke, Billy Roche, Dan Morgan have gone to greener pastures, but Charley Rose is still very much alive, chuckling as he reminisces.

"*Most of us were in the Old Putnam Building and when the word got out the building was to come down for the Paramount Theatre which is now located there, everybody stopped paying rent. Then they told us point blank that no fight managers were to be allowed in the new building. I got smart and got a promise from the landlord that if I paid my rent up to the last, they would let me back in. I paid right up to the end, but when the new building went up I was turned down with the rest of them. It's funny now, but I felt like taking a punch at that landlord when it happened.*"

Looking at Charley Rose today, no one would ever suspect that he has passed the allotted span of three score years and ten. He is glowingly healthy, his eyes keen and clear, and he shows little outward sign of any physical or mental slowdown.

STARTED CAREER AS A 130 POUND BOXER

Fifty years ago Rose came out of the East Side to perform in local fight clubs as a rough tough little 130 pounder.

"*I fought about fifty fights, some of them in skin-tight gloves, and one of these put me in the hospital. I wasn't clever, but I was a strong little fellow, and I was even better at the rough-and-tumble stuff than I was under strict boxing rules.*

"*But boxing is no business for a kid who got hit as much as I did,*" he confesses, "As soon as I realized that a manager got paid the same as a fighter and he didn't have to duck those punches, I decided that managing was for me."

Today, after almost fifty years of fight managing, Charley lives comfortably in a hotel in the same Times Square district he first invaded years ago. Twenty-five years back, the apparent victim of a run-around by then heavyweight champion Max Schmeling, for whom he had been American representative, and of the machinations of scheming Joe Jacobs, who had replaced him, Rose's plea for justice was echoed by columnist Dan Parker of the N. Y. Mirror, in the words of a then popular song, "*Broadway Rose, there's a tear in your eye*—" commented Mr. Parker.

For a long time, Charley was known as Charley "Broadway" Rose, a cognomen he took with the unfailing good humor.

He is a dapper little man, roundish in contour, meticulous in dress and habit and quiet in speech. An impish grin and droll mannerisms are quite suggestive of an elderly kewpie doll.

ACTS AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR FOREIGN PROMOTERS

A globe trotter in his younger days, including an AEF adventure in World War I, Charley sticks pretty close to home nowadays but still retains far flung contacts with promoters and boxing people throughout the world.

"*Look at this,*" he says, drawing a flock of telegrams from an inside pocket,

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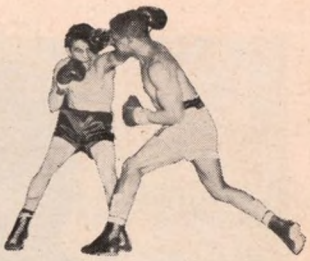
BOXING WRITERS' DINNER WAS TOPS



Champs Honored. The Boxing Writers' Association gave their chief annual awards to Carmen Basilio as the fighter of the year and to Jack Dempsey for long and meritorious service. The presentation to Basilio was handled by Gene Ward (left), of the New York Daily News, and the award to Dempsey was given by Ned Brown, president of the Association.

STANDING out in the news developments of the thirty-second annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' Association at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on January 14 was an announcement by Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Commission, that he had organized a plan for the revival of the small clubs in that state.

Helfand said that he had set up, with Manny Heckler, of the Sunnyside Gardens, in the Queens section of New York city, a plan to hold shows for the development of young ring talent.

The chairman said that all those participating either as contestants or officials would do so at reduced rates, in recognition of the worthy cause being served, and the lack of television revenue.

Helfand said that he hoped this would be a start in the rehabilitation of "the minor leagues of boxing." He added that he had the assurances of other promoters that the scheme would be extended.

The dinner was one of the most successful of all held by the boxing writers. The Starlight Roof was jammed, with some 500 diners.

The two big annual presentations came off with eclat. The Edward J. Neil Memorial went to Carmen Basilio, the association's "Fighter of the Year," and the James J. Walker Memorial to Jack Dempsey, for outstanding services to boxing over a long period of years.

The presentation to Marine Basilio was made by Major General James P. Riseley, of the Marines, and Gene Ward, of the News. A color guard accompanied the general.

The Walker Award was presented by Murray Rose, of the Associated Press.

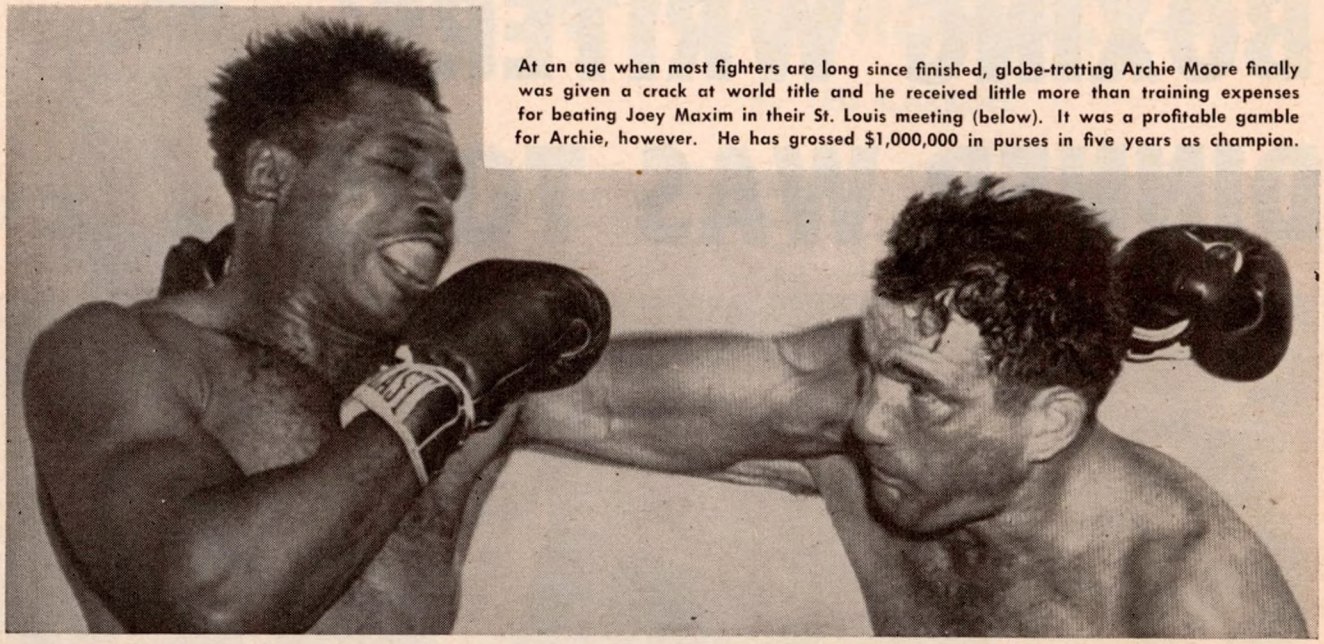
The association presented wrist watches to Pat Callahan, deputy boxing commissioner, Dan Dowd, executive secretary of the Commission, and writer Bill Heinz.

World champion Floyd Patterson made a brief talk and so did referee Harry Kessler, Harry Hershfield, humorist, Harry Markson, of the IBC, former commission chairman Bob Christenberry, Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz, and John Daley, of television.

Nat Fleischer, publisher of The Ring Magazine, presented Hall of Fame buttons of ruby studded gold to Dempsey, Barney Ross, Tommy Loughran, Abe Attell and Mickey Walker.

Sam Taub presented the occupants of the Champions' Dais, Attell, Loughran, Paul Berlenbach, Jim Braddock, Freddie Cochrane, Paddy De Marco, Sixto Escobar, Frankie Genaro, Rocky Graziano, Ben Jeby, Gus Lesnevich, Joe Lynch, Ross, Sandy Saddler, Lou Salica, Louis Kid Kaplan, Petey Scalzo, Izzy Schwartz, Al Singer, Jersey Joe Wolcott, Walker, and Ike Williams.

The duties of Master of Ceremonies were taken care of by Dan Daniel, World-Telegram and Sun.



At an age when most fighters are long since finished, globe-trotting Archie Moore finally was given a crack at world title and he received little more than training expenses for beating Joey Maxim in their St. Louis meeting (below). It was a profitable gamble for Archie, however. He has grossed $1,000,000 in purses in five years as champion.

Winning Gambles

BY JERSEY JONES

IF any one doubts the value of a world boxing title, he has only to check with Archie Moore.

At the moment there is talk of Ancient Archie defending his light-heavyweight laurels against Chuck Spieser "somewhere in Michigan." If and when the match materializes, Moore figures to net himself another $100,000 purse, or something very close to it. This is the price he has set for his services in risking the 175-pound championship against his Wolverine challenger.

That's a heap of money, even in these inflationary days, and at this writing Spieser and his board of directors seem to be having difficulty scraping together that much cash to assure Chuck his chance at the title.

There's the possibility, of course, that Moore may become a bit charitable in his mellowed "old age," and reduce the price somewhat. Archie has eliminated all his other outstanding rivals, and there aren't many attractive matches in view that would represent robust paydays for him now. He's had his.

As a matter of fact, Moore has been one of the ring's most prolific money-makers these last five years. But no one begrudges him his profitable lot. It was a long time coming. He'd been bouncing all over the landscape for seventeen years, fighting anybody and everybody for whatever the promoters could afford to pay—which usually wasn't much—when he finally was given his first crack at a world title. Archie by that time was an "old man," as age is reckoned in this rugged trade. He was 36 by his own figures, 39 by his mother's.

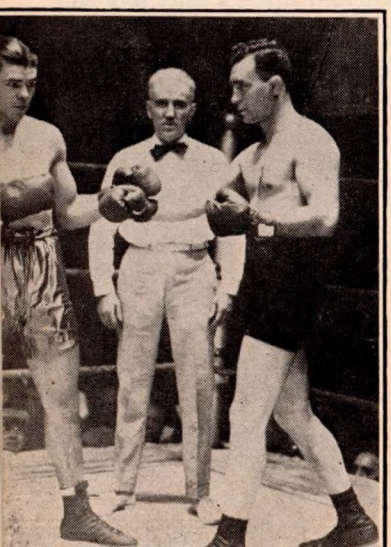
To get that long-sought title shot—against Joey Maxim in St. Louis—Moore had to agree to fight for little more than training expenses. Maxim walked out with not only the defending champion's end of the "loot" but most of the challenger's. Archie found himself with less than $1,000 with which to pay his bills for the bout.

A WORTH-WHILE GAMBLE.

As it turned out, the gamble was well worth while for Archie. He won the title, and it has since been a tremendous source of revenue to him, not only as light-heavyweight champion but as a twice-unsuccessful bidder for the more important heavyweight laurels. Exact figures are not available, but a fairly accurate estimate would place Moore's total earnings in the last five years at close to $1,000,000.

Archie's winning gamble has not been unique in this sock market. Through the years many a challenger, eager for a chance at a world title, has made all sorts of concessions, financial and/or otherwise, to the champion. More often than not, the gamble has proved to be a losing one, but occassionally we hear of a case where the daring venture is well rewarded.

A recent instance was that of Gene Fullmer in getting a crack at Ray Robinson and the middleweight championship. For their first meeting in New York's Madison Square Garden, Robinson demanded, and received, 47½ percent of the gate receipts and ALL the television receipts. Fullmer didn't argue too strenuously. Appreciative of a chance to fight for the title, and confident of his ability to beat the 36-year-old Robinson, Gene gladly accepted 12½ percent of the net receipts. Robinson, the loser, picked



Mickey Walker outbid a neighborhood rival for match with Jack Britton and he made the most of opportunity by taking welterweight title from aging veteran. (left) Walker and Britton square off before their bout in Madison Square Garden. Patsy Haley was referee.

Chuck Spieser May Make Big Concessions for Chance at Light-Heavy Title but Champion Archie Moore Can Tell Him How a Winning Gamble Pays Rich Dividends.

up a neat $138,190 for himself while Fullmer, the winner, drew a check for less than $21,000.

Unfortunately for him, Fullmer didn't have much of an opportunity to cash in as champion. The contract for the Robinson match stipulated that in the event of a Fullmer victory, Ray would be given a return bout with the percentages of receipts and TV equally divided, 30 each. The encore was set for the Chicago Stadium four months after the New York episode. Fullmer lost the title back to Robinson and had to settle for less than $70,000 in his only "big money" appearance as champion.

Probably the most fantastic gamble in modern ring annals was the one taken by Pete Rademacher and his colleagues in Youth Unlimited, Inc., when they guaranteed Floyd Patterson $250,000 to defend his world heavyweight title against the 1956 Olympic champion in Seattle last year.

The show drew $242,030, which, after taxes were deducted, melted down to $209,556. How much Rademacher and his pals lost has never been revealed, but along with Patterson's guarantee there were items of rental of the park, Jack Hurley's reimbursement for acting as promoter, and the various operational expenses that pile up in a venture of this sort. A conservative estimate would list the total deficit as somewhere around $100,000. The bout was not televised or broadcast, and the only possible extra revenue it could have picked up was from motion pictures taken of the affair.

If Rademacher was looking for publicity for himself and his youth organization, he was amply rewarded, but from physical and financial standpoints all he collected was a right royal shellacking in his first and only professional start.

We recall a keen neighborhood rivalry in 1922 that resulted in lively bidding for a shot at the world welterweight title. The "feudists" were Georgie Ward and Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, N. J. Ward, a stylish boxer, was managed by Sam Golden of New York. Walker, a colorful slugger, was handled by Jack Bulger of Newark.

Dan Morgan, doing business for the [illegible]n champion, Jack Britton, announced he'd accept the higher offer. [illegible]ly what the rival bids amounted to [illegible] never publicized, but Bulger was too daring for the conseravtive Golden, and his offer was accepted by Morgan.

Bulger's gamble proved a winner. The bout drew a near-capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden and the youthful Walker, too strong for the aging Britton, slugged his way to the title and chalked up his first major triumph in what was to become one of the most exciting and profitable careers the ring has known.

WELSH FOUGHT FOR GLORY.

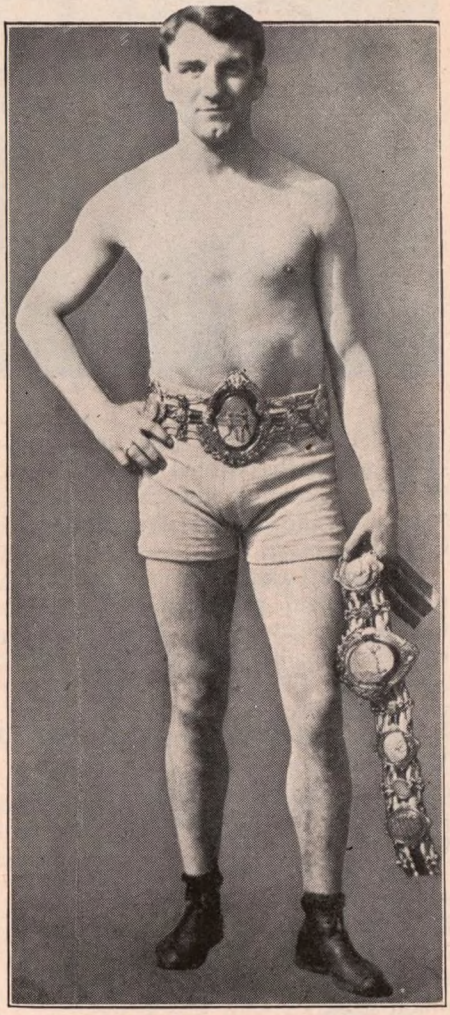
One of the longest and most persistent chases after a championship bout was the one conducted by Freddie Welsh, that remarkably clever British lightweight. And no fighter was more deserving of eventual success.

When he finally was accommodated in a title bout, it cost Freddie about $500 of his own money. But he did win the championship, and that was ample compensation for his financial loss and the many discouragements he'd had to overcome in his long quest.

Welsh was 28 and had been campaigning nearly ten years when he was given his Big Chance. In that decade Freddie had waded through 110 bouts against the world's best and only two decisions had gone against him. He had lost a disputed verdict to Packey McFarland in Milwaukee, but subsequently fought two draws with the dazzling Chicagoan in London and Los Angeles. His other setback, by Matt Wells in London, had been squared away in a return match in the same ring.

Through those busy years Welsh had beaten practically all his other top-ranking rivals in American and British rings. Among them were Matty Baldwin, Dick Hyland, Ray Bronson, Milburn Saylor, Abe Attell, Joe Rivers, Leach Cross, Jim Driscoll, Johnny Summers and Hughie Mehegan.

It seemed, however, that Freddie was too good for his own good. He couldn't get a crack at the world title. During his reign as champion, Battling Nelson studiously avoided a meeting with Welsh. When Nelson was deposed by Ad Wolgast, Freddie promptly set after the new title-holder. It looked as though the Briton's persistency was finally to be rewarded when Wolgast agreed to meet him for Tom McCarey in Vernon, Cal., but once again Freddie was slated for disappointment. The night before the bout Wolgast was rushed to a hospital with appendicitis.



Freddie Welsh, whose long, persistent chase after world lightweight championship finally was rewarded. When he did get the chance, Welsh not only fought for nothing but actually lost money, but he won the title and that compensated for everything.

In a substitute match, a comparative unknown, Willie Ritchie, went in as a short-notice replacement for Wolgast and startled the boxing world by giving Welsh a stubborn argument for twenty rounds. Welsh won the decision but Ritchie "made" himself by his unexpectedly fine showing.

It was a bit ironic that when Wolgast was ready to defend the title again, his opponent was Ritchie, not Welsh.

Ritchie won from Wolgast in Daly City, Cal., and Welsh promtply became his first challenger. Willie had no

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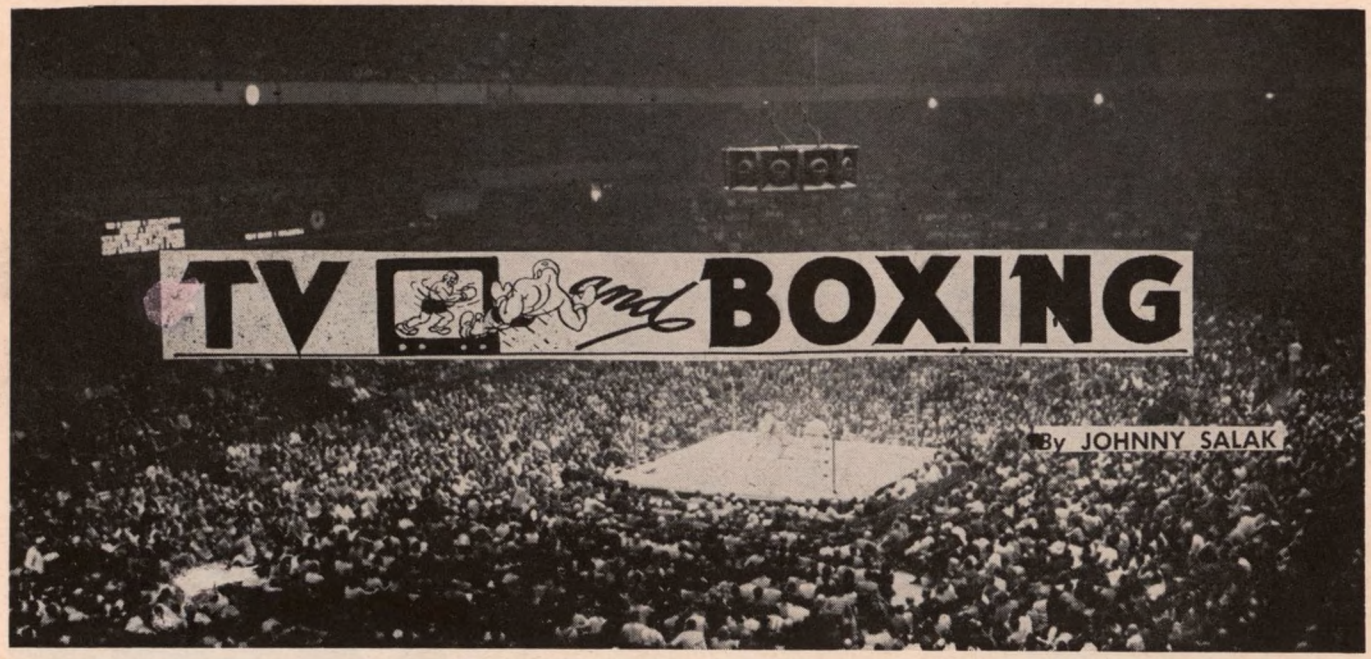


KPTV, Oregon's first television station, has scored another first by presenting professional boxing "live" from the Eagles Hall in Portland, City of Roses.

Promoter Tommy Moyer, former national amateur champion, offers this weekly Tuesday Night Fights series with four prelims staged before the eight round TV main event. The sponsor, Sick's Brewing Seattle Company, is one of the West's largest breweries. Mr. Emil Sick, owner of the brewing company, signed a twenty-six week package, the series beginning last September 17.

However, the show almost never got started. Scheduled to begin on September 10, three days prior to the first telecast KPTV and two other Portland television stations became involved in a union strike.

But all was quickly settled and the series got under way. Interest in Portland boxing was waning until the "live" boxing cards gave attendance a shot in the arm. Crowds have been increasing week after week, with the high figure now up around an encouraging 600.

Local crowd pleasers being used are Tommy Thomas, former national AAU champ; Phil and Denny Moyer, also ex-national AAU kingpins; Leroy Flammond, undefeated middleweight youngster; and Chuck Lincoln, a strong young lad with a myriad of amateur bouts. Opposition for the Portland favorites come from Seattle, Tacoma, Boise, Reno, Fresno, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Maurice Harper appeared recently in the main event. Highlighting one of the cards was the appearance, as referee, of Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion.

Announcing duties are handled by Charlie LaFranchise, veteran Northwest sportscaster. Charlie has been ring announcer for fifteen years for the late Tex Salkeld, as well as Harry Glickman and presently Tommy Moyer.

Charlie announced the first filmed amateur bouts in the Northwest a few years ago and also appeared as ring announcer on two national TV shows which emanated from Portland, when Eddie Machen stopped Johnny Holman and again when Holman fought Nino Valdes.

LaFranchise, of French-Irish descent, was born in Chicago, but has lived in Portland for the last fifteen years. He received his education at the De La Salle Institute, Chicago, and Quincy College, Quincy, Ill. LaFranchise is married and has three children. His hobbies are bowling, golf and handball.

In addition to being a staff sports announcer for KPTV, LaFranchise is the ring announcer at many of the amateur boxing cards in Portland, notably at the Rambler Athletic Club, the PAL Club, Multnomah Athletic Club and the Knott Street Community Center. He has staged amateur fight marathon cards for the Cerebral Palsy campaign and has raised over $5,000 through pledges in one night.

LaFranchise considers the oddest happening he has run across the night he was ring announcer at the Portland bout in 1951 in which Oakland Billy Smith took a powder when Archie Moore dropped him in the eighth round. Witnesses were in slight disagreement over whether Smith ran or just walked swiftly after picking himself up off the ropes at the count of five, climbed down and headed for his dressing room. He wouldn't come back to fight. Commission chairman Ray Smith was the first to figure out what had happened. He called Referee Ralph Gruman and announcer LaFranchise to him and said the missing fighter's purse was held up and Moore was the winner.

The public address system failed and LaFranchise had to yell the decision through cupped hands. The astounded and confused crowd was slow in getting the point which the confused Smith felt was quite clear. "I'm just disgusted with myself," said Smith in his dressing room. "I just didn't have a battle plan. You can't fight without a battle plan. I didn't know what to do. Everyone was yelling at me. I was disgusted with the whole thing. I quit."

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

FRIDAY

† CAVALCADE OF SPORTS, Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Network), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

† Also heard over NBC Radio Network, Don Dumphy, Announcer.

CANADIAN AMATEURS ON TV A SUCCESS

Amateur boxing in Ontario, Canada celebrated its fifth television anniversary on January 6. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation began telecasting boxing from the East York Arena in Toronto on January 6, 1953. It's the only regular amateur boxing on Canadian television.

In the five years some 2,000 fighters have participated in approximately 1,000 bouts that have appeared on the weekly one-hour long show.

The bouts were carried "live" during the first two years, but for the past three years they have been filmed and carried on a delayed basis on twelve stations across Canada.

Films are shipped to stations in St. Johns, Newfoundland; Halifax and Sydney in Nova Scotia; Toronto and Sault Ste. Marie in Ontario; Winnepeg, Manitoba; Prince Albert and Swift Current in Saskatchewan; Red Deer, Alberta and Kamloops, Kelowna and Vancouver in British Columbia.

Two of the personnel on the show also moved into their sixth year with the program. George Retzlaff has been the CBC producer since the start and Tommy McBeigh, of the Amateur Athletic Club, has been the matchmaker since 1953.

Ontario amateur boxing officials feel that television has been the biggest instrument in saving the sport locally. They point out that five years ago only three clubs were operating in Ontario with any regularity.

Today McBeigh can draw from a list of 200 fighters who represent nineteen clubs throughout Ontario. The weekly card is now held at the Palace Pier in Toronto, with four of the bouts filmed for television.

Another who credits TV with keeping amateur boxing alive is professional fight promoter Jack Allen of Toronto.

"If it weren't for TV there wouldn't be any amateurs boxing. If that happened there would be no pro boxing in Toronto," he says.

"For example, on a recent pro show six of the boys I used learned how to box on the TV fight cards." he explained.

Perhaps the most noted graduate of the TV amateur cards is fast-rising George Chuvalo of Toronto. The 20-year old professional is current ranked eighth in the latest British Empire ratings. Chuvalo became interested in boxing after watching the bouts on television.

He climaxed a successful amateur career by winning the Canadian heavyweight title at Regina in 1955 and then turned professional.

In his first bout in the paid ranks he won a ten round decision from South African heavyweight champion Johnny Arthur and to date has lost but two bouts, to veteran Howard King and to formerly world-ranked Big Bob Baker last September. In all, he has had ten pro bouts, winning eight of them, six by knockouts.

Don Ross (one loss in five bouts) and George Ferenczi (one loss in six bouts) of Toronto and Hamilton's Kenny Bryant (just turned pro), all welterweights, are other graduates from the TV amateur cards who have made the successful jump into professional boxing.

Matchmaker McBeigh agrees with Allen that televising the amateur fights has helped the game along.

"TV has helped get the kids off the streets and into a healthy athletic career. Some thought that we might kill amateur boxing by telecasting the bouts, but it's turned out to be our biggest booster," he says.

CBC sportscaster Steve Douglas is the ringside narrator for the weekly program.

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

Both Hollywood Legion Stadium and the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, which for many years had their weekly bouts televised, are, according to rumors, avidly seeking video contracts again. Hollywood was offered a contract by one local channel but turned it down because the sponsor wanted to name his own broadcaster. The Legion Stadium officials insists on either Hank Weaver or Jim Healy, both excellent men. Weaver is as good as the very best, and far better than most. Hank helps boxing. He is an accurate reporter with a breezy, entertaining style.

Charlie LaFranchise, veteran Northwest sportscaster, who handles the telecasts of weekly pro bouts from Eagles Hall, Portland, Ore., over KPTV.

Turned down as commentator for the proposed telecast of the fights over KCOP-TV by Hollywood was Tom Duggan, who got his start in TV doing the Marigold Gardens fights in Chicago over NBC. He later had a nightly 15-minute sports program and then went over to Chicago's ABC station where he had two one-hour shows.

BASILIO-ROBINSON ON THEATRE-TV

With the signing of the return match between Carmen Basilio and Ray Robinson, for the world middleweight title —the fight to be held at the Chicago Stadium on March 25 —a new name was firmly established in the television picture.

The fight will be seen as an exclusive theatre-TV feature but for the first time a fight will not be handled by TNT. The Teleprompter Corportion, which got in on the tailend of the first Robinson-Basilio promotion, gained rights to this return bout with a closed bid that came to $275,000. The fight will be screened into theatres in the United States, Canada and Cuba and there will be a Chicago blackout of theatre-TV within a radius of 76 miles.

Irving B. Kahn, president of the Teleprompter Corporation, said the closed circuit network for the Chicago fight will be the most extensive ever provided for any event. He has guaranteed at least 500,000 seats will be available for this fight.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . Tony Galento has a part in the movies "Across the Everglades," filmed in Florida.

Another Joe Louis title opponent, Abe Simon, who is now regularly employed at Roosevelt Raceway (Westbury, N. Y.) to keep bookmakers and touts off the track, is playing the role of a bookie in "Never Love A Stranger," the production which was recently completed at New York's Gold Medal Studios.

Ernesto Azua, Cuban boxing commissioner who recently visited New York, announced a big show to be held on February 19, opening a new 15,000-seat Sports Palace in Havana. The main event will pit world lightweight champion Joe Brown against Cuba's Orlando Echevarria in an over-the-weight bout that will be the first U. S. telecast of a Wednesday night bout from Cuba.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT . . . .

WRESTLING on its way in 1958 could outdraw last year by a substantial amount. Although the gates have been disappointing in the opening shows for the new year there are indications that with a wider exchange between sectional booking agencies the fans will crowd the arenas. Wherever new faces are brought in to meet the area favorites big gates are made.

Eduardo Carpentier is being billed as the NWA champ despite his disqualification in second bout with Lou Thesz some time back. . . . According to Ricki Starr the ballet dancing groaner, fans who watch wrestling on television get the wrong idea . . . they think strength is the all important asset on the mat. Says Starr: "Strength is not as important as coordination and speed."

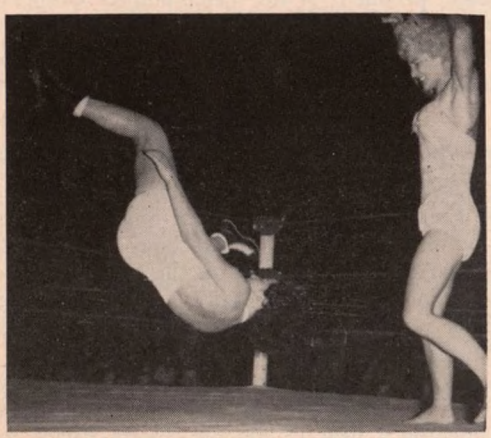
Raphael Halpern, Israel champ who did some wrestling in the U.S. and then went back to his native country, returned to America with some acid comments about being boycotted by promoters because he wouldn't work like other performers with a script. . . . One promoter offered Raphael a reported $3,000 for a shooting match with the comment: "That Halpern, he couldn't throw a rug in a shooting match". . . . Latest word has it that Raphael, unable to accustom himself to wrestling as it is has retired.

Tom Deugau, friend of long standing in Canada, deserves a great deal of credit for his new publication on wrestling called "*Western Wrestling Magazine*" dealing mainly with Canadian mat news, biogs et al. . . . It's a good mag and should prove of interest to mat fans.

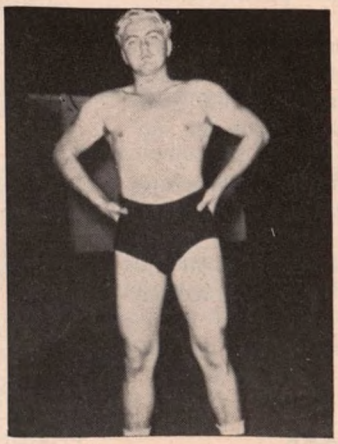
Word has it that Lou Thesz may make a jaunt around the globe and the rumor is that he may hang up his wrestling shoes upon his return. . . .

Abe Kashey at 49 has one ambition . . . to stick around long enough to form a wrestling partnership with his son. . . .

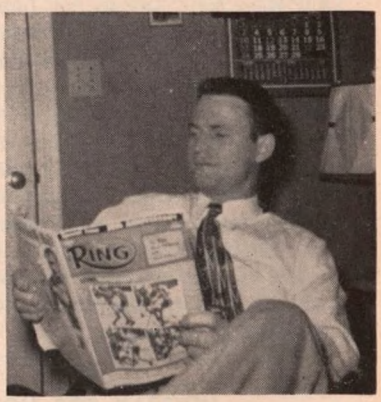
Wrestling is going big in Buffalo under the promotion of



Judy Grable flips Ann Regan at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and went on to win the contest. Grable is known as the female Antonino Rocca because she wrestles without shoes. She is also one of the most popular gal grapplers.



"Pretty Boy" Clark, a new face from Central Ohio with blond hair and a superb body. His favorite holds are the surf board and alligator clutch.



Gene Gordon, Ring Correspondent for the Southern area, who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. Gordon has grown up in wrestling and helps keep Ring readers up on news in his region.

Padro Martinez, owner of the Buffalo Wrestling Club. The bouts are staged in Memorial Auditorium on a once-a week basis. Promoter Martinez is also staging shows in Syracuse, Rochester, Binghamton, Albany and Dunkirk.

LOUIS SUPER of Philadelphia is a pleasing heavyweight whose mat hegiras take him across the 48 states and Canada. Louis is the owner and proprietor of a gymnasium in the prosperous Germantown section of 'The City Of Brotherly Love'. Super started out as a 'Philadelphia taxi cab driver' and entered the 'cloister of professional wrestling' making his way from mat to mat across America. He was the proprietor of a second gym on Broad Street in Philadelphia but now pours his efforts into the one Gym in Germantown, where the elite of the mat train.

Super is a Judo student expert and recently toured the wrestling-conscious state of Ohio taking on all comers in Judo-wrestling matches. Super is known as Superman or the original 'Golden Superman' of the padded mat; Lou is coupled to Vince Salerno and Dominic Doganiero as a wrestling team that functions with resilient adroitness.

Lynn Livingston, five feet four inches, 135 pound, red-haired lady wrestler from Webster, New York. (Right) Mike Sharpe, on left, attempting to maneuver Bobo Brazil into position for a pinning hold. The match for the Pacific Coast Heavy crown at Fresno, California went to a draw with Sharpe retaining the title he won from Enrique Torres. Photo by Bob Martin.

FAN CLUB CORNER

Thanks to Ilio Di Paolo Fan Club and Elsi J. Smith, president, for bestowing on me an honorary membership. . . . A new Fan Club has been formed for Farmer Boy with Dolores Budney as president . . . her address is 88 Frizzel Ave., Toronto, Canada.

The Whipper Watson Fan Club has a new prexy in Miss Evelyn Davies, 41 1st Street, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. . . . Former president Miss Betty Ward will remain as a Co-President.

Mucho gracias to Hilda Martin for giving me an honorary membership to the Ramon Torres Fan Club. . . . Word from Mary Hasley requesting that we run a line on her resigning as international president of the Jim Grabmire FC for reasons beyond her control. . . .

Janet Story doing the publicity for the 4th Annual Fan Clubs Convention would like to get together a list of all the FC's . . . Send her the news on your Fan Club.

RING POPULARITY POLL

MEN

1: Antonio Rocca
2: Eduardo Carpentier
3: Ricki Starr
4: The Great Scott
5: Pepper Gomez
6: Buddy Rosen
7: Pat O'Connor
8: Ronnie Etchison
9: Wilbur Snyder
10: Dick Hutton

WOMEN

1: Judy Grable
2: June Byers (Champ)
3: Princess Moolah (Champ)
4: Babs Wingo
5: Vicki Lynn
6: Penny Banner
7: Dot Dotson
8: Rita Cortez
9: Judy Glover
10: Terry Majors

LYNN LIVINGSTON

Standing 5′ 4″ and weighing 135 pounds, Lynn has red hair and a matching temper. She was born and reared in Webster, New York.

While in High School, Lynn participated in baseball, track and softball, excelling in them all.

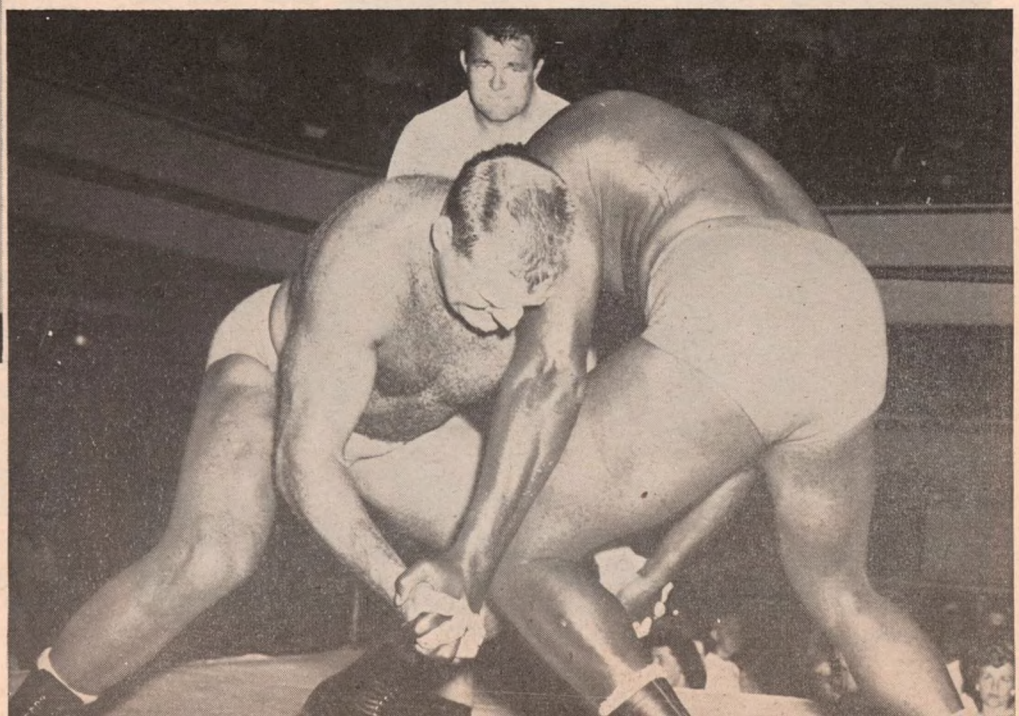
Lynn's parents did not object to her wrestling. They feel that she was born with wrestling in her veins since her Aunt, Cora Livingston, was one of the first woman wrestling champions.

Lynn loves to wrestle and her ambition is to attain the women's crown which has been worn so efficiently by Mildred Burke and others.

She relies on speed and science but can also dish it out if the going gets rough.

Paul Bowser, internationally known heavyweight wrestler 30 years ago, and Wrestling Promoter is Lynn's Uncle and husband of Cora Livingston.

Many parts of the world are already familiar with the name, Lynn Livingston, she has been globe trotting.



LORD JAMES BLEARS

By Dick Dimmick, Pres. Lord James Blears Fan Club, Route 1, Box 333 Vineland Place, Beaumont, California.

Dignified entrances, monocle, swallow-tailed coate and open-gate collars may be the objects of scorn to other wrestlers, but to Lord James Blears it means public attention, and that is what a wrestler thrives on.

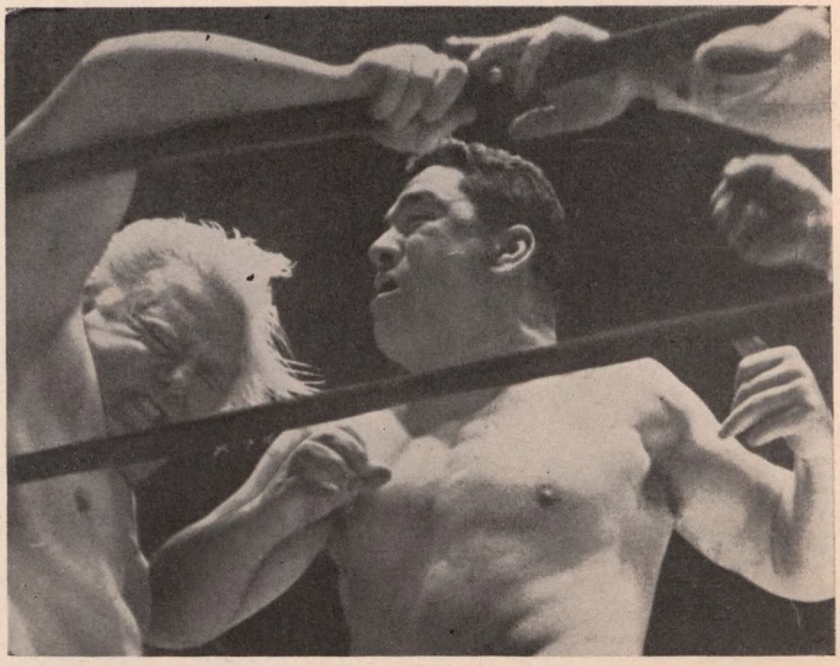
With his manager, and personal friend, Captain Leslie Holmes, he looks like he is ready for tea along Saville Row in London.

However there are no tea parties in his Lordship's busy days. Long hours of gym workouts, miles of road work, surfboarding, and running up and down the beach near his gigantic Pacific Palisades home make up his busy days, and is the reason he is always a perfect picture of physical fitness.

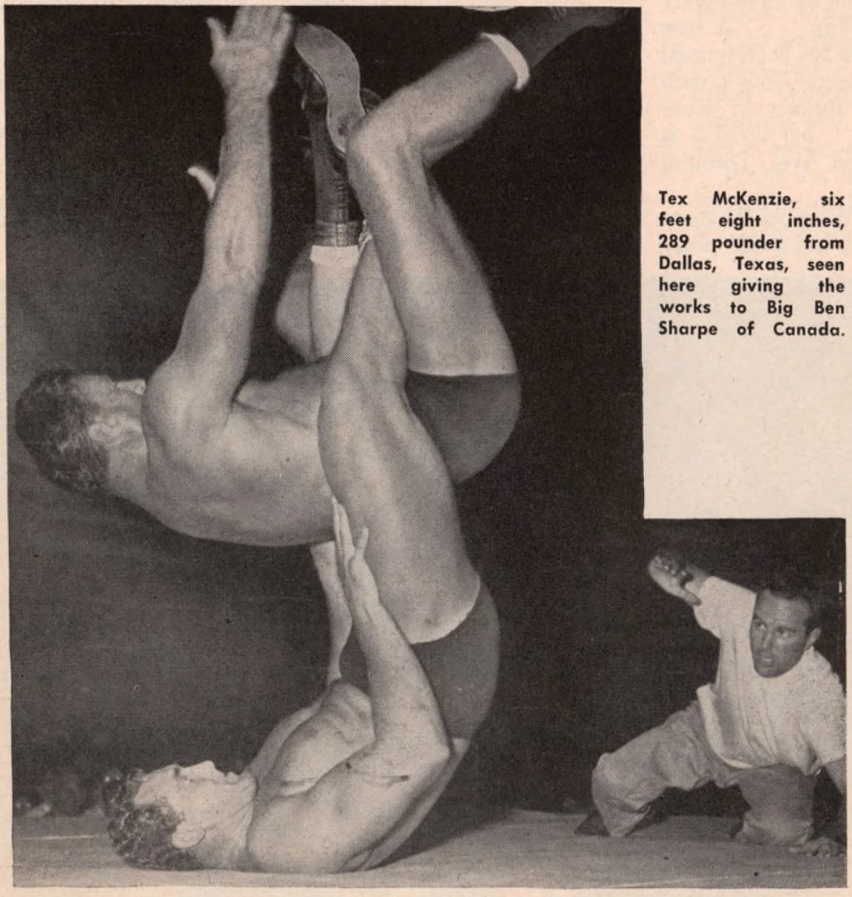
Although Captain Leslie Holmes is not a wrestler, he is one of the most well informed wrestling experts. He has, and continues to make movies on Lord Blear's opponents, and writes books on their weaknesses, so Lord will know just how to handle them.

Blears' ability as a swimmer stood him in good stead during the war years when he was the principal in a fantastic adventure that rivals anything that Hollywood has ever presented.

Blears was taken prisoner when a Jap sub torpedoed his ship. The commander took all the survivors aboard the sub, lashed them together, and planned to have them decapitated by bloodthirsty navy men, but Lord made a break for it, and swam ten miles to the remains of the ship, where he was picked up by the James A. Wilder, a liberty ship out of San Francisco. Later he was awarded the Dutch equivalent of the Congressional Medal by Queen Wilhemina of Holland.



Eduardo Castillo, Latin transplanted to Manhattan, delivers arm smash to jaw of Professor Roy Shires, the villain of the match. Castillo lost after being on the receiving end of the Profs worst acts of mayhem. Action took place at Madison Square Garden, N. Y. Photo by Salas.



Tex McKenzie, six feet eight inches, 289 pounder from Dallas, Texas, seen here giving the works to Big Ben Sharpe of Canada.

PACIFIC COAST
by ED BRIGGS

Pacific coast mat fans got their first look at 245 pound Dick Hutton, defeater of Louis Thesz of St. Louis, the world heavyweight wrestling king as recognized by the National Wrestling Alliance. Hutton amazed fans with his movements and is sure to be a respected titlest. On his coast jaunt, he whipped Ben Sharpe of Canada at Sacramento, Calif., and the next evening dropped The Great Kato of Okinawa at San Francisco.

It is gratifying to see the NWA hold a rematch with Thesz and Ed Carpentier, altho it is rumored that the Frenchman is still laying claim to the world bout by virtue of his June 14, 1957 Chicago disqualification victory over Thesz. The rematch was a draw.

The Great Scott is drawing big crowds in the eastern USA, while big Stan Kowalski of Minnesota is fast becoming the most hated master on the west coast . . . George Pencheff, veteran campaigner from Australia has returned to America on another global tour. Pencheff is one of the world's finest . . . Al Torres, the youngest of the Torres lads, is showing great form in his matches. Al, a Navy veteran, turned pro last year . . . Coast mat bugs are awaiting the return of ex-Coast champion Ronnie Etchison from a year long tour of Canada and the midwest . . . Ronnie's a real fine gate attraction . . . San Kowalski, the Minnesota Blonde Bombshell, admits that he's a rough cookie and has offered Ray Torres $1,000 if he (Torres) wins their title bout. At this writing, no word from Torres . . . Flying tackle ace Art

THE MAT WORLD

Michalik is heading for good coast bouts. Since quitting pro football last year, Michalik has been showing great in his bouts. Art is thinking about a nation-wide tour . . . Don Arnold is now physical education coach at the Yuma, Arizona high school. Says he wants to spend more time with the wife and kids.

Ilio DiPaolo, onetime mat idol of millions in the United States and Canada, turned on his team partner Ramon Torres in the Fresno Memorial Auditorium in California, and is now one of the top ranking villians in action. Such a move by the Abruzzi, Italy, native is very disappointing to his many fans . . . Vincent Lopez, whom many call the greatest to ever come to this country from Mexico, is back in action on the coast. Lopez, one of the finest elbow smashers in wrestling, is making a fine comeback and thousands of his followers are turning out in droves to see him again . . . NEW FACES DEPT: Wild Red Berry and Bob Orton are the latest coast arrivals and are showing for promoter Pat O'-Brien in Los Angeles. Headed for the northern California circuit are Sky Hi Lee, Hans Hermann, and Hans Schmidt. This will mark the latters first California tour and the much publicized Teuton makes no bones about his desire to take the Pacific coast heavy title now worn by Ramon Torres . . . Hermann campaigned in the San Francisco region seven years ago and is remembered as the team partner in coast battles with Wladek Kowalski . . . Welcome back to veteran roughouser De-Luxe Juan Humberto of Texas and San Francisco . . . Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia mat fans are watching junior heavies Bill Fletcher, Reginald Siki, Bob Hess, George Strickland, Glenn Knox, Bud Rattal, Elmer Davis and Johnny Buff . . . This corner is saddened to hear of the tragic death of young Pacific Northwest wrestling reporter D. Kent Bies. Kent was killed when his car went over a cliff near The Dalles, Oregon . . . Ronnie Etchison, the Pacific Coast pride and joy of the mat came in second in RING MAGAZINE's "Wrestler of the Year" selection. Maybe next year, Ronnie . . . Word has it that Billy Darnell may make a California tour . . . Those two deadly Canucks, Mike and Ben Sharpe continue to hold down the top tag team position in the coast ranks, although Cyclone Anaya and Ramon Torres are holders of the World Heavyweight Team Title now . . . Mike and Ben state that they'll have it again soon . . . Lord Blears, Rito Romero, Jack Laskin, and George Gordienko are now making world tours.

INDIANAPOLIS WRESTLING . . .
by BOB UTTER

Heavyweight Champion Lou Thesz stopped off in Indianapolis to wrestle the Zebra Kid to a stalemate before what is believed to be the largest crowd to see a grappling show at the Armory in several years.

Thesz, 232, St. Louis, dropped the first fall to the Kid but returned to take second honors in 4:45 with a flying body scissors. Zebra required 16:23 to win the first frame and used a body press. Zebra weighed 285.

In the second half of the double main event, June Byers, world's women champion from Columbus, Ohio, won the second and third fall from China Mira after dropping the first frame to the black-haired ruffian. Byers weighed 145; Mira 143.

The semifinal attraction saw Buddy Rogers, 235, Camden, N. J., defeat Lou Plummer, 240, in a fast scrap while Red Lyons, 228, and Bob McCune, 240, Hollywood, Calif., grappled to a draw in the opener.

WRESTLING IN THE SOUTHWEST
by PEG COLWELL

With the return of Danny (Bulldog) Plechas from his tour of Japan, wrestling fans in the Rocky Mountain area are sure of seeing action. Danny's most recent title is the North American Tag Team crown which he shares with "Iron Mike" (Mike DiBiasse).

Wrestling fans were in for a big treat, when Promoter Mike London secured the Japanese TV wrestling film of the match between Lou Thesz and Japan's Rikidozn, for the first showing in the U. S. Plechas, who was the referee for the match in Japan, had just returned home. He narrated the film at the local TV station, since all the dialogue is in Japanese

Dick Hutton, who relieved Lou Thesz of the World's Heavyweight Championship belt, has been signed to appear here. Promoter London has left the naming of Hutton's opponent up to the local fans, who are swamping the wrestling office with their votes.

In a recent match in Dallas, Texas, Hutton retained his 'newly won belt' when Luther Lindsay was disqualified for intentionally tossing Hutton over the top rope.

Paul of France (of the famous Baillargeon family) demonstrated his tremendous strength by lifting and carrying a 1000 pound horse up and down a ladder at the Civic Auditorium in Albuquerque. But his strength wasn't enough when he met Plechas on the mat. He lost two straight falls to the "Bulldog".

Jumbo Jim Wright, 275 pounds of Phoenix, found himself unable to maneuver the 552 pounder, Country Boy Calhoun, off his feet. In attempting an "anything goes" strategy, Jim was promptly disqualified. But Plechas was on hand the following week to take the first fall over the Country Boy and was awarded the match when Calhoun failed to answer the bell for the second fall.

Newest 'hard to beat' tag team combination is Juan Garcia and Bob Elliott.

THE GOLDEN ONE
by MARGARET HALL

A central Ohio lad, a most spectacular sight when entering the ring with his blond hair and well developed body. He has many colorful jackets, and is most impressive as he struts into the ring.

The crowd is held spell bound when they get the first glimpse of "The Golden One" entering the ring. He is said to have the most beautiful blond hair of any wrestler today, except "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers. A user of many holds with his specialty, "The Pretty Boy Special" a combination of the suspend surf board hold. His favorite hold is the alligator clutch. He can use orthodox holds but does use any means when angered. He can be brutal when occasion demands. His toughest match to date has been with Wild Bill Gallian, a true villian in his own field.

His wrestling career has been mostly in Ohio, although he expects to tour the U. S. in the very near future.

Our "Golden One" is aiming for a shot at the Junior Heavyweight Belt. His favorite wrestler is Buddy Rogers. He was born twenty-six years ago in Columbus, Ohio. He has a chest expansion of 45", is the idol of many bobby soxers. When entering the ring is always followed by a crowd, booing and throwing at him.

He spends all the time he can in the open air, exercising and working with weights; he works out regularly to keep in his excellent shape. He is very active in sports, but likes wrestling and football the best. He placed 3rd in Ohio in 1945 in collegiate pole vaulting.

He trained with Leon Graham and had two years amateur experience before turning pro one year ago.

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Boxer Joseph Pietron (at microphones) appears at press conference in Munich, Germany, after his escape from a touring Polish team. Seated at the table with Pietron, now a U. S. Army private at Fort Dix, are a Radio Free Europe engineer, at left, and the Munich chief of the National Catholic Welfare Committee, which brought the Pole to this country.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH

Outstanding boxers for 1957 . . . Interservice Champions (left to right) Don Adamson, Air Force, 112; Ray Wharton, Navy, 119; Francis Lee, Navy, 125; Louis Molina, Marine Corps, 132; Bob Powell, Marine Corps, 139; Bob Fosmire, Marine Corps, 147; Roosevelt Charles, Marine Corps, 156; George McCorkle, Air Force, 165; Bill Johnson, Air Force, 178; and Allen Hudson, Army, Heavyweight.

FORT BENNING's Infantry School Troop Command sent an 11-man boxing team to Florida's annual AAU boxing tournament in Jacksonville, Fla.

School Troop Command was the Infantry Center's only undefeated boxing team. However, it did not participate in the tournament as the Fort Benning boxing team, but as fighters from the School Troop Command.

Third Army Champ Joe Whittington, a veteran light welterweight with a southpaw style, led Coach John H. Dunham's team into the matches.

The Florida competition is sponsored by the Jacksonville Recreation Department. Infantry School Troop Command's boxers stayed at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station while there for the matches.

Fighters who made the trip besides Whittington were Pvt. Steve G. Lugo, headquarters of Infantry School Troop Command; Sgt. L. E. Eley, Company A, First Battle Group, 29th Infantry; PFC Andrew Martinez, Company A, First Battle Group, 29th Infantry; Pvt. David Anderson, Company B, First Battle Group, 29th Infantry; Pvt. Clayton C. Rice, Company C, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry; Pvt. George N. Barnhardt, Mortar Battery, First Battle Group, 29th Infantry; Pvt. Theodore Bethea, Company D, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry; Pvt. Andrew Jackson, Company A, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry; Pvt. John R. Segar, Battery A, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, and Pvt. Osburn Henderson, Company C, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry.

Lt. Leonard R. Ketcham was the officer-in-charge.

HORNETS STING SERVICE BATTLERS

Rex Cruse scored a knockout and Bob Ericson and Dan DiRe won on technical knockouts as the Sacramento State College Hornets won eight bouts over armed forces fighters, from the Travis and Parks Air Force Bases and the Alameda Naval Air Station in a tournament recently held at Sacramento State College.

Three matches were draws. In another bout Bill Johnson, Travis, beat Willie Steele, McClellan AFB, on a third round TKO.

Cruse's knockout came in 1:19 of the first round with Jim Brown of Parks the victim. They fought in the 139-pound class.

Also in the 139-pound division, Ericson scored a second round TKO over Ray Rel of Travis. DiRe, a 147-pounder, stopped Bob Brozell of Parks, also on a second round TKO.

Other results: 115—Bill Wong, SSC, drew with Al Guzman, Travis; 132—Frank Reynoso, SSC, decisioned Bill Camper, Travis; 139—Angelo Cicco, SSC, decisioned Robert Glover, Travis; 147—Dan Krpan, SSC, drew with Marvin Twcharts, Alameda; 167—Stan Gallagher, SSC, decisioned Charles Edmond, Parks; 157—Terry Smith, SSC, decisioned Paul Rogers, Alameda; 167—Jim Flood, SSC, decisioned Pedro Cruse, Travis; heavyweight Roger Bauman, SSC, drew with Thurman Desmude, Parks.

AROUND THE JO-POT—

Chico Segura, bantamweight pride of the Yokosuka, Japan stable, will turn pro when discharged from the Navy next August. He has already signed with Oakland, Calif., trainer Harry Fine.

Linn Long, 5th Army and All-Army champion featherweight wrestler, will coach the Ft. Wood, Mo., wrestling team.

Prize of the Fort Sill, Okla., boxing stable is Dillard Jackson, interservice light-middleweight champion.

Jimmie Watson, Homestead AFB, Fla., welterweight, has turned professional.

Lew Jenkins, winner of the lightweight championship in 1940 from Lou Ambers, and a Silver Star in Korea, is now an Army M/Sgt. and instructor at Ft. Ord, Calif. He did three World War II years with the Coast Guard.

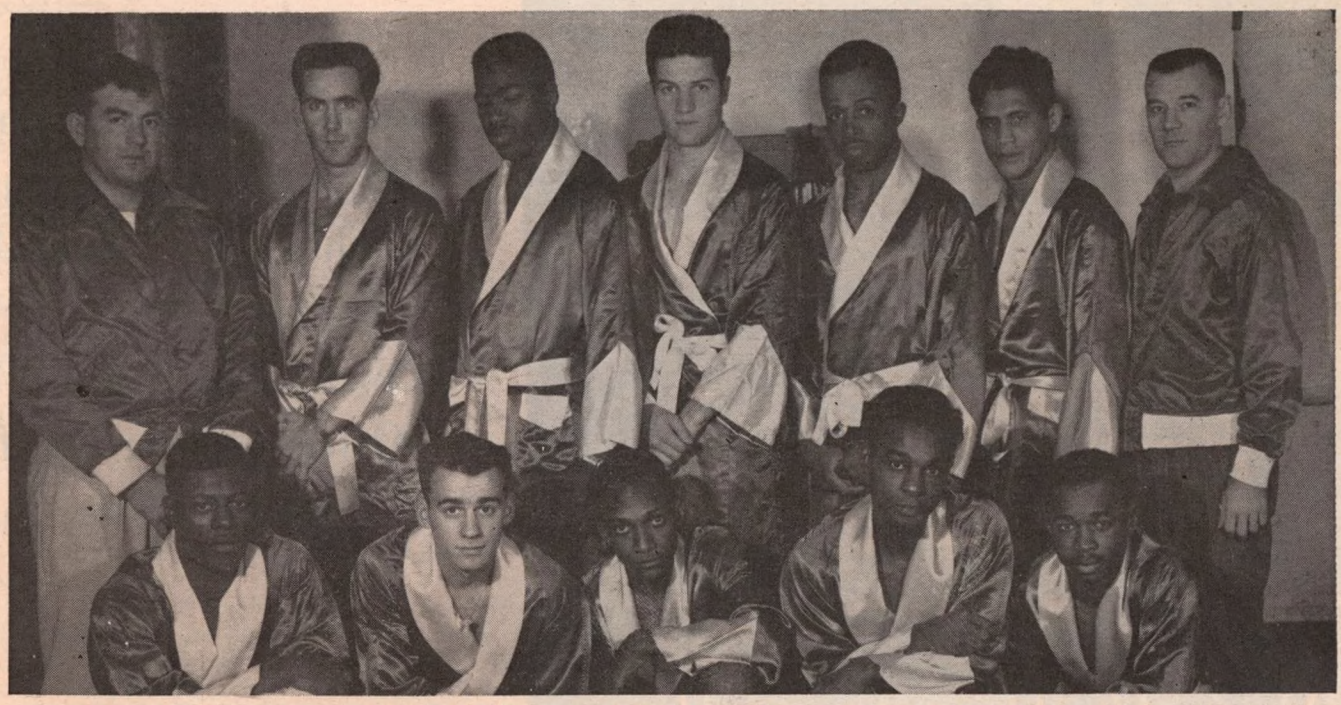
You can say the Norfolk NAS, Va., boxing team is talent-loaded with three All-Navy champs and a runner-up in their stable.

Matt Jackson, at Ft. Carson, Colo., is combining careers in the Army and professional boxing. He has a 33-5-2 record.

Vice Adm. Robert Goldthwaite, now Chief of Naval Air Training and a 1924 Naval Academy graduate, was intercollegiate featherweight boxing champ in his Annapolis days.

Joe Brown, world lightweight champ, started boxing when he joined the Navy in 1943. He won 16 service bouts in a row, including the interservice lightweight crown.

Ft. Riley, Kansas . . . recently held a boxing tournament for open class fighters with six teams entered, three service and three civilian. The tournament is for individual as well as team entries and with a number of individual entries.



Fort Riley, Kansas boxing team which finished fourth in the 1957 All-Army boxing tournament . . . Front row, left to right: Richard Jackson, lightweight from St. Louis; Jim Hutchison, featherweight from Pittsburgh; Leon Thompson, flyweight from St. Louis; Fred Byrd, light welterweight from Petersburg, Va.; Bobby English, bantamweight from Muncie, Ind.
(Second row) Eugene Paugh, coach from Canton, Ohio; Walter Dolder, welterweight from Cleveland; Eddie Kitchen, light heavyweight from Chicago; Clifford Wilson, middleweight from Los Angeles; Fred Elliott, welterweight from Cleveland; Gil Burges, light middleweight from Puerto Rico, and Jim Brenton, officer-in-charge from Petersburg, Ind.

INTER-SERVICE BOXING CHAMPIONS OF 1957

112 pounds—Don Adamson, USAF, Tachikawa AB, Japan
119 pounds—Ray Wharton, USN, USS Haynesworth
125 pounds—Francis Lee, USN, USS Cascade
132 pounds—Luis Molina, USMC, Hawaii Marines
139 pounds—Bob Powell, USMC, Camp Lejeune
147 pounds—Bob Fosmire, USMC, Camp Lejeune
156 pounds—Roosevelt Charles, USMC, Camp Lejeune
165 pounds—George McCorkle, USAF, Tachikawa AB, Japan
178 pounds—Bill Johnson, USAF, Yokota AB, Japan
Heavyweight—Allen Hudson, USA, Ft. Bragg, N. C.
Team Champions—U. S. Marine Corps

IN ROSENGARTEN RINGS

The final chapter of the CCA-Waldhof Sports Club boxing match held at the Rosengarten came to a close in the offices of the Mannheim (Germany) city hall, as Col. William M. Rodgers, CCA Co., presented the profits of the match to Mannheim Oberburgermeister Dr. Hans Reschke, in a simple ceremony.

Dr. Reschke accepted a check for 3,797 DM on behalf of the city of Mannheim, which sponsored the boxing match, and indicated that the money would be used for the construction of a new Mannheim youth home.

An additional 400 DM was donated by CCA to the Baden boxing club for the purchase of a new portable ring.

The ceremony took place in the office of Dr. Reschke. Prior to presenting the check, Col. Rodgers and the Mayor each expressed satisfaction with the results of the joint effort and expressed their hopes for continued co-operation.

Both German and American boxing fans in the Mannheim area will remember the Waldhof-CCA match. They packed Mannheim's Rosengarten to the rafters to watch a card which included two German national champions, an Olympic contender, former USAREUR flyweight champion Vernon Lee, and other well known CCA Boxers.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

A top-ranking Polish boxer who escaped to the West while touring Germany with a Red-sponsored team is now a U. S. Army private stationed at Fort Dix.

Joseph Pietron, 23, a 6-4, 225-pound heavyweight who has won 85 of his 101 amateur fights, recently completed basic training at Dix with Company C of the 2nd Training Regiment.

Two years ago Pietron, ranked second among Polish heavies and picked for the 1956 Olympics, walked out of a West German hotel which housed his touring Polish team and requested asylum at police headquarters. Later that day, he and the chief of police stood on a railway platform watching the rest of the team start their return to Communist Poland.

During 14 months in Germany, Pietron attended a mechanics' school under auspices of the National Catholic Welfare Committee, which sponsored his admission to the United States. He also continued his fighting career, winning the heavyweight titles of Munich and Bavaria, and losing a decision in the finals for the West German crown. Offered a place on the German Olympic team if he applied for German citizenship, he turned it down to come to America.

On arrival in this country, the burly Pole made his home in Irvington, N. J., where he found work as a milkman. Before he was drafted in October, 1957, he became engaged to an Irvington girl, Miss Stephanie Liss. After his two years' service, he hopes to fight professionally, as an American citizen.

Pietron's flight to freedom began with a false start when he was 16. Fed up with the atmosphere of mistrust and fear which gripped his Soviet-dominated land, he took work on the docks of Gdynia, Poland's chief harbor city. His attempts to stow away on an outbound ship were frustrated by sentries, until he found refuge in the coal bin of an unguarded ship, where he waited for a clue to the vessel's destination. Finally he heard voices—Russian. Choosing the

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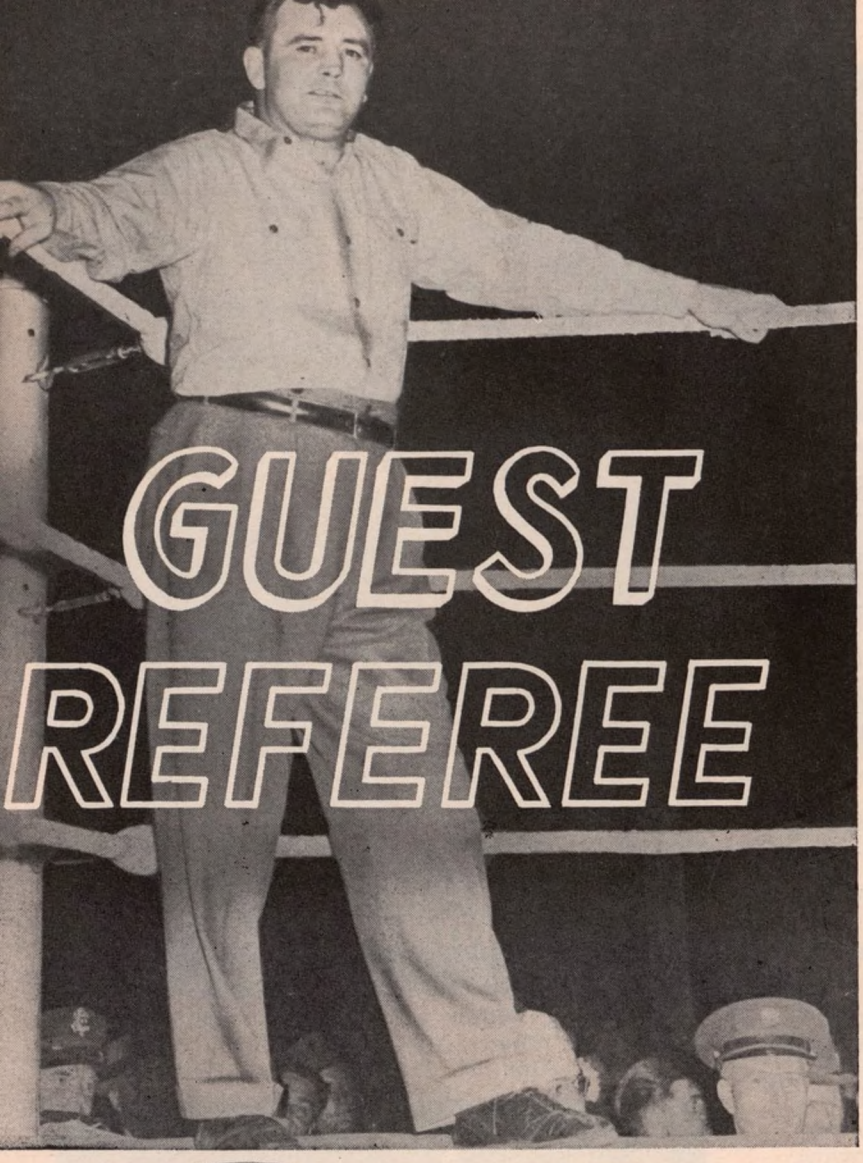
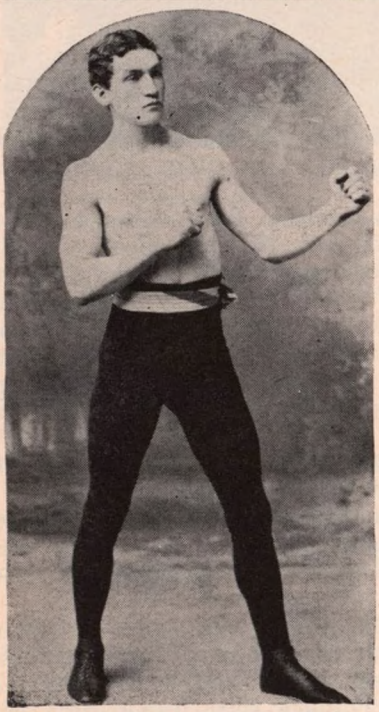


GUEST REFEREE

Managers Attempting To Safeguard Their Fighters By Using A Referee Of Their Own Choosing Have Often Gotten Grief Instead Of Protection

By LESTER BROMBERG

James J. Braddock, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, a citizen of New Jersey, who like Jack Dempsey, has been a "guest referee" on many occasions.



Kid McPartland was one of the best of the old school referees invited by many a manager as insurance for their fighter. The Kid knew all the ropes and could be depended upon to do a good job.

Shortly before a fight in Columbus, Ga., between Mike McTigue, then world's light heavyweight champion, and Young Stribling, a local pride, there were several unfriendly visitors to Mike and his manager, Joe Jacobs.

"*Look out the window,*" they were urged. Two trees stood there.

"*One for each of you and we have plenty of rope,*" the spokesman announced. "*May the better man win.*"

The committee withdrew and then stopped in to see Harry Ertle, the referee Jacobs had brought with him from metropolitan New York.

After calling Ertle's attention to the arboreal twins, he was advised: "*You could be strung up between them.*" That night there ensued ten dolorous rounds, in which even McTigue's intention to be co-operative was nullified in good part by Stribling's plain professional incompetence.

Ertle, earnestly trying to be diplomatic, called the fight a draw . . . saving the champ's title but giving the young man and his followers tangible satisfaction.

The menacing roars that went up made it clear to the referee this wouldn't do. As the crowd choked the aisles around the ring, Ertle said: "*I've reconsidered, Stribling is the winner.*"

No more time was spent in the town than the "foreigners" had to and, once their train was in safe territory, the referee changed his decision back to a draw.

That incident remains one of the more spectacular attempts to protect a fighter by importing a referee for a fight held in a native son's own territory.

TV-minded fans are apt to forget the old order, in which the manager of a champion named the third man. Today, with commission control so stringent, the selection of officials is a routine matter.

Not that the original custom ever died out entirely. When there's a will, there's a way, commissioners to the contrary notwithstanding.

During Joe Louis' many years as heavyweight champion, Mike Jacobs managed to get Arthur Donovan in there as referee of title defenses almost

every time.

Lately the practice has been revived by Cus D'Amato, manager of the current king, Floyd Patterson. D'Amato took Tommy Loughran, ex-light heavyweight titleholder, to Seattle, Wash., for the freakish fight with Pete Rademacher, the amateur champion.

Charley Rose, sparrow-like little veteran manager and second, recalled the other day the close association between Freddie Welsh and Billy Roche while the former was lightweight champion.

"I always worked with Welsh, as you probably know," Rose said, *"and, whenever we had any kind of important fight out of town, Roche went along to referee. Harry Pollak, Welsh's manager, made the arrangements.*

"One trip we were in Colorado Springs for a 20-round title match with Charley White. It was a hard fight, with Welsh just a little too clever for White, and it was fought on Labor Day in the blinding sun.

"We weren't worried about Roche's judgment, but we were afraid that he might pick up the wrong man's hand, since his eyes weren't too good and the sun had been bothering him.

"In the corner, coming up for the last round, I said to Freddie, *'when the fight's over, don't come back to the corner, stand alongside of Roche and put your right arm near his right hand so it will be easy for him to reach for it.'*

"Freddie did that—and Roche raised his hand. White's corner squawked but they had no beef. Welsh deserved the decision. The only thing we'd done was to make it easy for the poor ref."

According to Rose, Welsh went downhill after that and he stopped seconding him. Freddie begged Charley to come back when he fought Benny Leonard at Manhattan Casino but Charley refused. The fight was stopped in the ninth round with Welsh helpless near the ropes—and there was a new champion.

The referee that night was Kid McPartland, a great fighter in his own right around the turn of the century, and thereafter, Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, used McPartland for many of the champ's appearances away from New York.

The yet round-faced Mannie Seamon, trainer for Leonard and always his chief second, recently spoke of a trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Benny was boxing Lockport Jimmy Duffy and the show was being promoted by John (The Barber) Reisler, with Abe Attell in the picture.

"It was real funny," Mannie said. *"Duffy was scared stiff of Leonard, who was at his peak. Gibson didn't have to bring McPartland, Benny could have refereed himself. It was all over in the second round."*

Seamon remembered that Gibson had another referee whom he liked to see in there when Leonard fought, Slim Brennan from New Jersey.

"One night Benny was boxing K.O. Loughlin in Camden. Loughlin got hit in the belly about the sixth or seventh round. It was a beaut of a shot and these were days when you could claim foul, so Loughlin grabbed his groin and started hollering.

"Al Lippe was his manager and Lippe jumped into the ring. Brennan should have ordered Lippe out and told Loughlin to resume fighting but he stood there like palalyzed, saying nothing.

"In the meantime the bell rang. If the situation continued, there might have been a riot. The New Jersey commissioner—I don't remember his name—had good sense and nerve. He jumped up and shouted to Brennan, 'count him out in the corner.'

"Brennan listened and wouldn't you know? at the count of six, Loughlin come running out, ready to fight again. Leonard belted him around after that and Brennan finally

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Nino Valdes (right) lost a disputed 15-round decision to Archie Moore at Las Vegas. Jimmy Braddock was the unhappy choice of Bobby Gleason, Valdes manager, for the job of the "third man in the ring". His vote went to Moore.

Jack Dempsey was the sole judge and referee of the Rex Layne-Ezzard Charles fight at Ogden, Utah. After calling over half the rounds "even" Dempsey gave the nod to Layne which ran counter to the majority of the opinion at ringside.

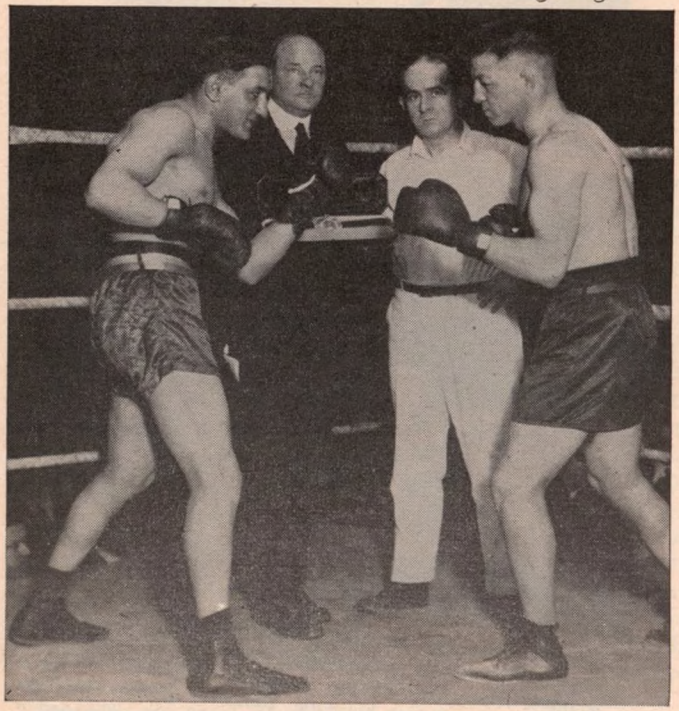
Columbus, Georgia, was the scene. Young Stribling, a local favorite mixed it up with the light heavyweight champ, Mike McTigue. Harry Ertle of New York was the referee. McTigue was the better fighter but Ertle, conscious of fans fingering ropes at ringside, called the bout a draw. Then changed it to a win for Stribling when the crowd got menacing. On the train bound for New York, he reversed his decision to a draw.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS? HUH!

By JOHNNY SALAK

Jack Dempsey, inactive in 1922, went through a series of events which strangely parallels the case of Floyd Patterson

THE constant verbal battle which pitches the Good Old Days of boxing against the sometimes Floundering and Unrestful Present led us off on a searching tangent.



Johnny Wilson (left) won the world middleweight title from Mike O'Dowd in 1920, but after a series of unfortunate fights, he was stripped of the crown by a number of commissions and was one of four world champions who did not defend laurels in 1922.

The "Good Old Days," we learned, are inconstant and ephemeral, varying with the age of the one reminiscing. Elusive and stretching (like one's imagination) it can cover one time-distorted incident or frolic through a lifetime, unrealistically picking out the gleaming and conveniently forgetting the dismal and disillusioning.

"We had fighters in those days," they exhort, refusing to define these particularly brilliant days and often taking in all the territory from the "Good Old Days" of John L. Sullivan to the "Good Old Days" of the early 1930's. Of late, we note an even further encroachment as the entire decade of the Thirties falls under their wing and they embrace Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong. No doubts betray us that these Days Without End will shortly include such as Ray Robinson, Rocky Marciano, Sandy Saddler, Marcel Cerdan and Kid Gavilan, a prelude to the time when Floyd Patterson, Archie Moore and Carmen Basilio are accepted into the club. But that is another story, for another time.

"We had great champions who weren't afraid to put their titles on the line against the top challengers," they'll button-bust as they tell you. Greater champions, greater fighters, more fighters, more clubs, more money. Better conditioning, better conditions, air-condition (someone through a bottle through the window), they had it all in the "Good Old Days." Why, one ancient oldtimer, who had and is training the top men in the business, came out recently in an interview and deplored the lack of cauliflower ears on today's fighters. Said he liked to associate them, the cauliflowers of the Garden variety, with the romance of the ring!

"Lots of fighters," he confessed with relish in talking about the Good Old Days, "who didn't have cauliflower ears would box their own ears in to make them blossom out." Oh, happy, happy days!

And, he enlightened us, "Max Baer (oh yes, he now belongs to the Good Old Days) used to go around banging his head against gym walls and pipes to earn his badge of honor." Now, this is not the first time the story has gone around of Baer's banging, though, we admit, it is a more original version.

MUCH TO SAY FOR 1922

Deciding to explore the past in an effort to locate and pinpoint the elusive Good Old Days, we arbitrarily set on the year 1922. It was the first twelve months of The Ring Magazine's existence. "Nail down a comparison between the fight game then and now," we were told.

Well, we found much to say for 1922—it was a good year, but they too had their trials and tribulations and champions who made like reluctant dragons. There were more fighters, there were more clubs, there was a little more money and there were more outstanding fighters. This, conceded without argument, we could use today.

On the credit side today, we have better commission and medical supervision, better equipment, and a better guarantee that you'd get paid for the fight. There are no fly-by-night promoters today, we'd like to write. But we're afraid the echo will come back, "That's because there are no promoters."

Boxing, in New York State, was coming into it's own 1922, thanks to the Walker Law which had been operating under a boxing commission for about a year. It served as a pattern for world wide boxing. Also to be said for boxing was a forward step taken in regards mixed bouts. More heatedly discussed during 1922 than at any time since Jack Johnson's heyday and the emergence of Harry Wills as a real contender for Jack Dempsey's title coupled with the public's acceptance that mixed bouts were desirable and that no harm to boxing could result in the staging of such contests finally won out. The New York State Boxing Board was thus induced to lift the ban and soon other states followed.

A Madison Square Garden fiscal report, to June 1, 1922 showed that the Old Garden had enjoyed it's most successful season. From September 3, 1921 through June 1, 1922 receipts came to $1,300,000 for thirty five shows. These figures included two benefit matches and two wrestling shows. We will not make any mention of the Garden figures for 1957.

However, the year-end report showed that in 1922 receipts from admissions in New York State came to $2,500,000, the gate receipts being just about half of what they had been the year previous. The decline was attributed by a writer of the period to "Jack Dempsey's non-appearance . . . . although the main cause was doubtless a shortage of amusement money in the pockets of fans." The note has a strangely familiar ring to it.

The State treasury received approximately $96,000 from boxing that year, while in 1957 total state receipts from boxing, including TV and Radio came to $3,046,348.60, with the state receiving $152,317 in taxes.

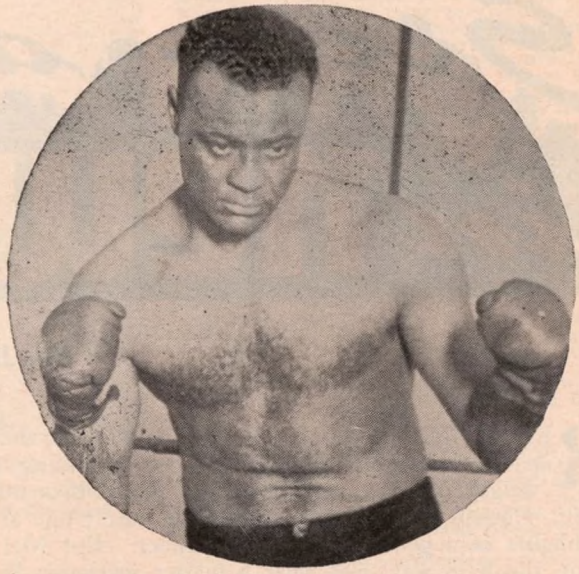
CHAMPIONS WHO'LL FIGHT

The marring feature of the year was the glaring fact that some of the champions didn't fight, some couldn't fight and some wouldn't fight. It roused an unknown *powit* to record for posterity these lines:

Fate with your iron-bound fist;
Lord of the tenet of might;
Grant us this boon, we insist;
Give us some champions who'll fight.

Stacking up the world champions of 1922 against the men who held titles in 1957, we see that though they may have been greater stars of the ring in those days, not in all cases were they greater fighters:

Jack Dempsey vs. Floyd Patterson.



Boxing took a great step forward in 1922 and the ban on mixed matches was lifted in New York State, thanks primarily to Harry Wills' emergence as the logical contender for Dempsey title. Other states followed the edict of New York in allowing mixed bouts.

Georges Carpentier/Battling Siki vs. Archie Moore.

Johnny Wilson vs. Gene Fullmer/Ray Robinson/Carmen Basilio.

Jack Britton/Mickey Walker vs. Carmen Basilio/Title Vacant.

Benny Leonard vs. Joe Brown.

Johnny Kilbane vs. Sandy Saddler/Hogan (Kid) Bassey.

Johnny Buff/Joe Lynch vs. Mario D'Agata/Alphonse Halimi.

Jimmy Wilde vs. Pascual Perez.

DEMPSEY-PATTERSON CASES PARALLEL

Title action for 1922 was sparse and in a number of cases none too inspiring, though some battles were outstanding.

Jack Dempsey saw no championship action that year and, in fact, there occurs an amazingly close parallel to the case of Floyd Patterson. All through the year the Manassa Mauler remained almost completely inactive due primarily to interference by state boxing officials who condemned several impending bouts for the reason that Dempsey's opponent in each instance was adjudged not worthy or capable of a creditable performance against him. And all the while the leading contender, Harry Wills, hounded and pursued Dempsey across the country in a effort to get a shot at the title, which he never did.

In March and April, Dempsey toured Europe but did not participate in a championship fight during his stay. The rumor was current that he would meet Georges Carpentier, whom he annihilated the year before, in a return bout on this trip but it failed to materialize, as did his proposed bout with the wanting Joe Beckett, the British heavyweight champion, who besides having lost to a number of others had been stopped in seventy-two seconds in 1919 by Carpentier. In 1923 it took Georges only seventeen seconds.

The inability, for one reason or another, of both Dempsey and Patterson to meet the leading challengers, the attempts to put on title matches with opponents whom both the public and the boxing commissions had little faith in, the trip to Europe, the attempts to put on a match there with someone they had already soundly defeated (Dempsey

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

REPORTING the passing of Mel Coogan, 61, the dispatch said the Brooklynite had been a leading lightweight and once met Champion Benny Leonard.

Yes, Coogan had met Leonard but it wasn't one of the highlights of a generally successful career. But Mel did learn, the hard way, just what a master mechanic Benny was when he wanted to be.

As readers of this column are well aware, this commentator regards Leonard as the nearest thing to fistic perfection the ring has ever known, and probably ever will know. A dazzling boxer, deadly sharpshooter, keen strategist and superb showman, Leonard, for more than seven years, completely dominated a lightweight division loaded with formidable entries.

Benny was one ringman who could "call his shot" when he wanted, but it wasn't often that he wanted to during the early years of his reign when no-decision bouts prevailed throughout most of the nation.

With all his remarkable talents, Leonard was a smart "businessman," and it frequently behooved him to "go along" with an opponent, give the customers an entertaining show, and use that opponent again for a subsequent payday or two.

Coogan, when he met Leonard, was an innocent, unfortunate victim of circumstances. His manager, Scotty Montieth, was to blame for what happened to Mel.

It all started when Montieth and Johnny Dundee parted company a few months before. Scotty, feeling he had been given a bad deal, vowed to "get even" with the Scotch-Wop. He began looking around for somebody to beat Dundee. His search ended when he took over the management of Coogan, who had just been discharged from the Navy after serving as boxing instructor at the Newport, R. I., base during World War I.

SCOTTY GETS EMBATTLED.

Coogan was already a seasoned campaigner. A rangy sort, Mel was fast and clever, with a particularly adept left hand. He'd been fighting since 1912 and in more than 100 battles his opponents had included the likes of Johnny Kilbane, Richie Mitchell, Leo Johnson, Soldier Bartfield, Phil Bloom, Frankie Callahan, Eddie Wallace, Pete Hartley and Barney Adair. Nobody had knocked him out, and very few had been able to outpoint him.

Montieth was sure Coogan had just the style to beat Dundee. The bout was arranged by Promoter Dave Driscoll for the Jersey City Armory and Mel vindicated his manager's confidence by giving Dundee a neat lacing.

Coogan's impressive performance earned him a match with Leonard, and Driscoll lost no time signing the champion. The date was set for December 10, 1919.

Had Montieth behaved himself, the bout probably would have gone its scheduled eight-round route, but at weighing-in time in the afternoon Scotty became embroiled in a heated argument with Leonard's manager, Billy Gibson.

"Take it easy," Gibson tried to pacify him. "Everything's going to be all right. We'll make a nice fight of it and nobody'll get hurt."

The excitable Montieth refused to cool down. "What d'ye mean, 'nobody'll get hurt?" he boomed. "I don't want any favors from you. Even if he tried, Leonard couldn't knock Coogan out."

"Well, if that's the way you want it, that's the way you'll get it," retorted Gibson.

LEONARD THE MASTER.

Appearing in the semi-final was Leonard's protege, Joe Benjamin, stylish young California lightweight. On a tour of the Pacific Coast earlier in the year, the champion had boxed Benjamin in San Francisco and was so impressed with Joe's possibilities that he'd taken him in tow and brought him back to New York with him.

This night Benjamin was pitted against the once formidable but now ringworn Tommy Tuohey, of Paterson.

An ambitious young sports writer with the New York *Globe* at the time, we were standing with Leonard outside his dressing room while the Benjamin-Tuohey bout was in progress. Benjamin ended a wild slugging bee by knocking Tuohey out in the fifth round.

Although Joe won, Leonard wasn't satisfied with his protege's showing. As the Californian returned to the dressing room, Benny gave him a rugged tongue lashing "You made a tough fight out of what should have been an easy one," he said. "You were throwing right hands all over the place like a raw amateur. I'm going out in the first round with Coogan and fight like you did; see what a bum I look like."

We edged closer to Leonard and asked: "What about the second round, Benny?"

"Oh," he replied casually, "it'll be over in the second."

It was!

After an intentionally sloppy exhibition in the opening session—for Benjamin's benefit—Leonard lost no time settling down to serious business in the second. Feinting Coogan into an opening, Benny dropped in his left and followed with a right. That's all there was, there wasn't any more.

As Coogan hit the canvas, Leonard was in Mel's corner, kicking the water bucket over on the startled Montieth.

COOGAN'S BUSY CAREER.

Not long after that disastrous episode Coogan and Montieth severed relations. For a while Jack Clifford looked after the Brooklynite, then the George Lawrence-Joe Woodman combination took over.

Coogan continued active in the ring and when he finally hung up the mittens five years later he'd added another 100 or so bouts to his busy record. Not only did Mel cover the United States from coast to coast but he made a brief visit to Australia, and his already impressive list of opponents was augmented by the names of such outstand-

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ing performers as Lew Tendler, Joe Welling, Willie Jackson, Clonie Tait, Charley O'Connell, Archie Walker, Frankie Schoell, Pal Moran, Sid Barberian, Joe Dundee and Sid Terris.

Not until Mel met up with Terris in Brooklyn's Clermont Rink late in 1924 was another knockout posted against him. Terris, then at the peak of his spectacular form, stopped the fading veteran in the sixth round.

After a few more bouts, Mel quit the ring. For a while he taught and trained fighters in Brooklyn, but gradually faded from the boxing scene and in recent years had done well in the real estate business.

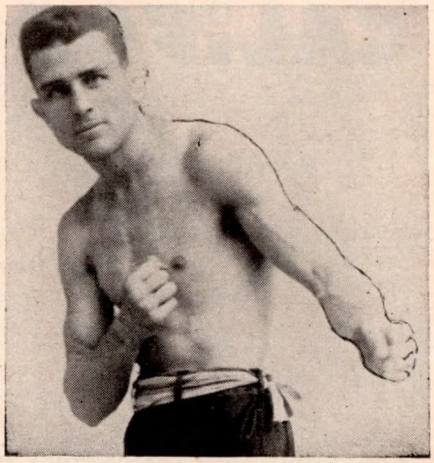
THESE AND THOSE.

It was five years ago that The Ring, in its annual citations, decided to substitute the "Fighter Making the Most Progress" for the "Rookie of the Year." Too many freshman winners had become "jinxed" in future operations. It looks as though the "curse" spread across the Atlantic. The British Boxing Writers Club, at its recent annual polling, had flyweight Terry Spinks lined up for the award as "Best Young Boxer of 1957," but Terry's trainer, Snowy Buckingham, promptly declined the honor, pointing to a series of misfortunes that befell previous winners.

Frankie Manna, former New Jersey referee, now sports editor of the Orange *Transcript*, sends along word that his annual Sports Show and Reunion of Past and Present Boxers, is set for April 29 at the Hotel Suburban in East Orange.

Los Angeles sports writers are freely predicting that Hogan Bassey and Ricardo Moreno will set a new all-time high for a featherweight title match when they meet in March. The current top is the $262,150 grossed by Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep at the Yankee Stadium here in 1950. (It was the third episode in their historic four-bout series.) West Coast predictions on the Bassey-Moreno gate range from $275,000 to $400,000.

THE month's results:
Celebrating his 20th birthday a week in advance, Danny Russo, 151, Brooklyn, used left hooks and two-handed flurries to edge out a close decision over a borough rival, Tony DeCola, 149½, in an entertaining ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The more experienced DeCola, considered a better boxer, made the mistake of trying to outfight the aggressive Russo. The action was fast all the way and exchanges were frequent. Russo was particularly effective with body punches. Danny suffered a slight cut under his left eye in the third, but it didn't seem to bother him. The semi-final six ended with only 41 seconds to go, Larry Jones, 143½, Harlem, stopping Joe Davis, 146¾, Brooklyn. Jones handed Davis a systematic drubbing and with the Brooklynite stumbling around weakly after being dropped for a nine-count in the sixth, Referee Herbie Kronowitz decided to call a halt. Eddie Prince, 151, Poughkeepsie, was too shifty for Al Milone, 151, Coney Island, in another six. In a pair of fours, Otto Smith, 154½, Newark, N. J., had the better of Tony Santiago, 153½, Puerto Rico, and the 1956 Olympic welterweight champion, Joe Shaw, 143, Kansas City, made a successful entry into professional competition by drubbing Al Estrada, 148, Puerto Rico.



Mel Coogan, clever Brooklyn lightweight, whose manager's hot-headed outburst led to disaster when he met Champion Benny Leonard.

▶ Promoted to his first main event in Madison Square Garden, Jimmy Archer, 147½, Bronx, dropped a close decision to Gale Kerwin, 142½, transplanted Canadian operating out of Valley Stream, L. I., in a busy and at times exciting ten. Archer forced the action practically all the way, and did his most effective scoring with body punches, but Kerwin's better boxing and sharp countering made more of an impression on the judges, Nick Gamboli and Harold Barnes, who tabbed for the Canadian, and outvoted the referee, Mark Conn, who thought a draw a proper decision. The semi-final, scheduled for six, ended at 2:07 of the third, George Harrell, 159, Brooklyn, flattening Ricardo King, 157, former Pittsburgher now domiciled in Harlem. In another six, Joey Archer, 150½, younger brother of Jimmy, salvaged some satisfaction for the clan by outfighting Joe Lissy, 152½, Yorkville, in a lively swapfest. A third six produced a split verdict for Eddie Dixon, 161, Newark, N. J., over Juan Pomare, 162, Brooklyn. In fours, Tommy Kelly, 123, West Side, outpointed Primo Arellano, 126, Brooklyn, and Clarence Floyd, 171¾, Harlem, edged out Eddie Bramlett, 175, Brooklyn.

▶ Bustling aggressiveness carried Tommy Tibbs, 132, Boston, to an easy decision over Lulu Perez, 135, Brooklyn, in an uneventful ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Perez, boxing mainly on the defensive, tried to keep the action at long range, but Tibbs was too persistent for him. Tommy swarmed all over Lulu, and while he did a lot of missing he also did a lot of hitting, particularly with lefts to the head and both hands to the body. Perez uncovered infrequent bursts of aggressiveness, but when he did elect to punch he scored well with left jabs and hooks. Both boys were warned in the sixth for letting their punches go out of bounds. The decision brought Tibbs' overall record to one victory short of the .500 mark. Although only 23, Tommy had been fighting since 1950, and this was his 88th bout, his score reading 42 wins, 43 defeats, 3 draws. Fast-punching Chico Velez, 134¾, East Side, outfought Nick Grimaldi, 137¾, Stamford, Conn. in the semi-final six. Al Tisi, 131, East Side, knew too much for Frank Gifuora, 127, Puerto Rico, in another six. James Ellis, 136, Trenton, N. J., whipped Earl Matthews, 136, Boston, in the four-round curtain-raiser.

▶ Down in the first, Larry Boardman, 141¾, Marlboro, Conn., came roaring back to knock out Peter Schmidt, 142¾, Yorkville, at 1:03 of the sixth at St. Nicholas Arena. It was a free-swinging affair, with Boardman proving the more durable of the two. Larry had rough going in the opening session when Schmidt dropped him with a right to the jaw. More surprised than hurt, the Nutmeg Stater was up at two but had to take the mandatory eight-count, then fight off a wild attack by Schmidt. From then on it was a crude but exciting give-and-take slugfest, the rivals alternating in staggering each other. During a lively exchange in the sixth, Boardman connected with a lusty right to Schmidt's chin, and the latter collapsed to the canvas for the full count, Juan Venegas, 138½, Puerto Rico, outpunched Iggi Maldonado, 130, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Another scheduled six ended at 1:10 of the fifth, Harry Ball, 172½, Yorkville, flattening Dick Lowery, 165½, College Point, L. I. In a pair of fours, Freddie Vasquez, 136½, Brooklyn, decisioned Sammy DeMarco, 137½, Paterson, N. J., and Harvey Charles, 133, Brooklyn, outpointed a borough rival, Ronnie Blackman, 132½.

▶ After an assortment of injuries and illness had messed up four previously scheduled meetings in ten months, Paolo Rosi, 145½, transplanted Italian now living in the Bronx, and Johnny Busso, 141, Brooklyn, finally got together in Madison Square Garden, Rosi winning by a slim one-point margin after ten rounds of earnest if not spectacular milling. With the judges disagreeing, Joe Agnello favoring Rosi and Jack Gordon voting for Busso, Referee Teddy Martin came up with the deciding tally. He scored the bout even in rounds but gave Rosi the edge in points, 6-5. Busso, the better boxer and sharper puncher, had the advantage in the early milling, but he slowed down as the fight progressed and the durable, aggressive, heavier Rosi gradually overhauled him. Domasco Collazo, 138½, Cuba, outfought Earl Dennis, 138, Bronx, in the semi-final ten. George Chimenti, 159½, Bronx, punched too often for Eddie Wright, 156, Philadelphia, in a free-swinging eight. In fours, Leroy Tucker, 141, Harlem, had the better of Frankie Madison, 139½, Bronx, and Eddie Jordan, 145, Brooklyn, won from Al Donato, 150, Harlem.

▶ Showing for the first time in a New York ring, Mickey Crawford, 155½, Saginaw, Mich., displayed good boxing form and a versatile assortment of punches in beating the fading Chico Vejar, 160, Stamford, Conn., in a lively ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Crawford used snappy left jabs and hooks, fast rights and frequent combinations to whip the youthful Connecticut veteran. Although still a comparative youngster in years (26), Vejar had been fighting professionally since 1950 and this was his 90th bout. He tried to be aggressive as ever, and forced the action most of the way, but he no longer had the speed and flash which helped to make him a national headliner a few years before. Chico was repeatedly beaten to the punch by the 23-year-old Crawford, who posted his 19th win in 21 pro starts. Harold Smith, 134½, Washington, D. C., had too many left hands for Graham Holmes, 140, Manchester, Conn., in the semi-final six. Another six resulted in a split decision for Bertram Bailey, 145½, Bronx, over Julie Jamison, 148, Wappinger Falls, N. Y. In fours, Bernie Raines, 148, Stamford, Conn., defeated Yucatan Rivera, 147½, Brooklyn, and Tito Galvan, 140, Bronx, polished off Mike Besarany, 136, Brooklyn, at 2:12 of the third.

▶ Postponement of a light-heavyweight match between Tony Anthony and Yvon Durelle in Madison Square Garden gave Charley (Tombstone) Smith, highly-touted Los Angeles welterweight, his long-sought chance to show in New York and on national TV. A substitute bout was arranged between Smith and the veteran Joe Miceli of the Bronx, and despite the short notice (three days) the rivals, each scaling 149, turned loose a savage sockfest. Miceli, starting at his usual fast pace, was all over Smith for three rounds, but the lanky Californian began to take charge in the fourth and from then on Miceli was on the receiving end of a steady battering. The Bronxite was so exhausted in the seventh that at the end of the round his manager, Harry Stickevers, called over the referee, Al Berl, and announced that Joe couldn't continue. Smith suffered a nasty gash alongside his right eye in the third, but by the time the bout ended Miceli was bleeding profusely from the nose, mouth and cuts around the right eye. In sixes, Joe Lissy, 148, Bronx, stopped Bill Flamio, 146, Bronx, at 2:54 of the fourth; Mike Spataro, 136½, Bronx, decisioned Pat O'Brien, 137, Brooklyn, and Juan Venegas, 127½, Puerto Rico, won from Wally Livingston, 126¾, Trenton, N. J. In fours, Andy Anderson, 122¼, Harlem, whipped Ramon Soto, 126¼, Bronx, and Eddie Prince, 150, Poughkeepsie, edged out Norman Gautreau, 142¾, Moncton, Canada.

▶ Chalking up the second victory of his "comeback" campaign, Frankie Ryff, 137, Bronx, breezed through a mild workout against Kid Centella, 137, Nicaragua, in a one-sided ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Ryff was entirely too fast for the plodding Central American and the combined scores of the three officials at the finish had Frankie pitching a near-shutout with a 29-1 count. As early as the first round Ryff's snappy left jabs began to puff up Centella's left eye and at the half-way mark the swelling had completely closed the optic. Despite the handicap Centella fought stubbornly but he just didn't belong in the same league with Ryff. Joe Fusco, 154, Waterbury, was credited with a win over a Connecticut rival, Bill Jeffries Taylor, 155¾, Bridgeport, when their semi-final six was halted at 0:20 of the third because of an ugly gash over Taylor's left eye. Freddie Mack, 176, Brooklyn, had the better of Floyd McCoy, 174, Bronx, in another six. In fours, Steve Proko, 148, Brooklyn, won from Joey Versace, 144, East Side, and Whitney Porr, 149, of the State Maritime College, Bronx, decisioned Paul Berrios, 150¼, Puerto Rico.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

WITH Carmen Basilio on hand as an extra added attraction, a goodly crowd was on hand at the San Diego Coliseum to see Billy Peacock, 120, California bantamweight champ, score his third straight knockout at the expense of Jorge (Pulga) Herrera, 116, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Basilio picked up a soft $500 to referee one of the supporting bouts. It was his first ring appearance on the West Coast.

Peacock started his kayo spree on December 7th, when he stopped Frankie Campos in the 8th round to acquire the State 118-lb. crown. One week later, on December 15th, he was pressed into service by Hollywood Legion Stadium when their main event fell through. This time, Peacock knocked out Casey Jones in the 4th.

Herrera, former flyweight and bantamweight champion of Mexico, was simply no match for Sweet-pea Billy.

The end came in Round 2—2:29 of that heat, if you want to be meticulous about it. A hard right to the head, followed by a hefty left to the tummy, and down went Herrera, doubled up in pain. Referee Mushy Callahan counted him out.

▶ Though he entered the ring at Hollywood Legion Stadium as a 2-1 favorite, Don Jordan, 140, was lucky to get a split decision over Willie Morton, San Jose, 140, after a hard-fought ten-rounder.

Referee Dick Young scored it 95-93; Judge Jimmy Wilson voted 96-94, both for Jordan. Judge Costello Cruz saw it as a dead heat, 95-95, and there were many who agreed with him. Had it not been for a knockdown scored by Jordan in Round 1, Morton might have trotted off with the verdict.

Some 4,000 fans were on hand, and paid a gross of $5,560. It was a good fight, and the split-dule defeat won't hurt Morton's popularity with local fans. This was his second loss in 15 pro fights.

Armando Muniz, 146½, Juarez knocked out Frankie Brown, 147, San Francisco in Round 2 of the scheduled six-round semi. Carmen Basilio refereed the scrap between Andy Solis, 138 and Joey Tarin, 137, and gave the verdict to Solis. Carmen got a bigger hand than the scrappers—naturally. Gene Gresham, 134½, drew with Toro Martinez, 136; and Al Burton, 182, KO (4) over Bob Smith, 181.

▶ Though it is not listed on his report card at San Jose Junior College, Willie Morton majors in boxing. He used his ample store of this extracurricular knowledge to round out a successful year in the lightweight and welter ranks by taking a ten round decision over Joey Abasta of Los Angeles. They fought at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Weights: Morton, 141; Abasta, 143.

Morton, with more than a score of victories as a pro, has lost but once. That was in mid-1957, when he dropped a heavily disputed decision to Ramon Tiscareno in Hollywood.

Abasta's body and head seemed to be open targets for Morton, and Joey had to clinch several times in each round to keep Willie from making a payoff followup.

Referee Johnny Lotsey scored it 99-92 for Morton. Morton was given six rounds, one for Abasta and three even.

Frank Brown, 148, of San Jose, knocked out Floyd Sampson, 149, of Reno, in the sixth. This engagement had been slated for ten.

Prelim fours: Mel Francis, 152, dec. Stanford Christy, 154; Johnny Rameriz, 156, outpointed Gene La Forte, 151.

▶ The State Athletic Commission of California did something that was long overdue by approving the appointment of two men of Mexican descent—Joey Olmos and Costello Cruz—as ring officials.

Over the long years, fighting men of Aztec blood have kept the game alive in Southern California, and it was the loyal support of their fellow-Latins at the box-office which kept promoters alive. I applaud the action of the Commission in granting them licenses.

Major Jimmy Wilson, popular referee, is now with the Valley Store agency in San Fernando, which specializes in Mercury-Lincoln cars. Jimmy has been appointed advertising and promotion manager.

▶ Billy Peacock, newly-crowned bantam champ of California, celebrated his coronation by purchasing a 3-month old Doberman. Which reminded John Hall that Hollywood's Don Fraser once owned a Doberman which set some sort of an all-time record by biting "five straight sports writers".

Those are John's words: "five straight sports writers".

I wonder what he meant? Aren't they all "straight?"

Anyway, Fraser got rid of the dog. Probably some other press-agent bought him.

▶ About 1,000 fight fans were on hand at San Bernardino to witness the return of pro boxing in that area, and they saw Jimmy Moser, L. A., score a 7th round TKO over Irish Tommy Bain, Hollywood. Moser, leading on points, opened a severe gash over Bain's left eye. They are featherweights.

▶ Archie Moore heads the list of visiting boxers in Los Angeles earnings: he picked up $90,000. for his one-sided victory over Tony Anthony in September. Next came Alphonse Halimi, who earned $50,000. by whipping Raton Macias for the 118-lb. title.

Other out-of-towners who fared well locally, in money matters, were Pajarito Moreno, $45,828; Ike Chestnut, $40,300; Raton Macias, $30,000; Kid Anahuac, $15,506; and Kid Gavilan, $7,500.

Among local boys: Jose Cotero, $20,640; Laure Sales, $13,688, and Billy Peacock, $12,474.

These earnings were for Los Angeles fights only.

▶ Kid Anahuac, Mexico, 126, is back in the local limelight again as a result of his 7th round TKO over youthful, inexperienced Dwight Hawkins, 122½, at the Olympic Auditorium. Anahuac was a pre-battle choice at 3-1.

A vicious body attack wrought Hawkins' undoing. The boy had scored 12 knockouts in 16 pro fights, but he wasn't ready for a fellow of Anahuac's experience.

On hand was a disappointing "crowd" of less than 2,000, which paid a gross of $2,608.

Referee John Thomas, one of our better officials, did the smart thing by halting hostilities.

In the semi, scheduled for six, Walter Tyler, 160, KO (4) over Joe Garsa, 157. The fours: Henry Brown, 151, dec. Henry Williams, 155; Willie Parker, 118, dec. Ray Pacheco, 117; and Anthony Emanuel, 216, dec. Otis Fuller, 197.

▶ State bantam champ Billy Peacock, 121, scored his second knockout in as many weeks at Hollywood Legion Stadium by knocking out Casey Jones, 125, in the 4th round. The week previous Peacock stopped Frankie Campos in the 8th to take possession of the 118-lb. throne. Gross gate $3,490.

Jones was no match for the classy Peacock. He was dropped twice, one in the third, again in the fourth, when Referee Dynamite Jackson stopped the scrap.

Originally, Lauro Salas and Cisco Andrade were slated to top the Legion card. Cisco retired from the ring. Matchmaker Jackie Leonard then came up with a good one: Gil Cadilli vs. Alfredo Escobar. But Escobar was knocked out by the flu.

In desperation, Matchmaker Leonard called Manager Suey Welch and asked if he'd save the day by letting Peacock top the card.

"Sure" said Suey. "Peacock's in condition. We'll fight anybody up to 121." Ross Padilla, Stockton Filipino, was suggested and he was okayed. But Padilla injured a rib in training, and after a desperate search, Leonard came up with Casey Jones.

So Casey Jones mounted to the cabin and he took his farewell trip in the fourth round.

In the six-round semi, Danny Perez, 164½, was awarded the verdict over Orlando De Pietro, 163. It wasn't popular with the fans. The fours: Roxelle Mosley, 150½, dec. Richie McLane, 149, in a thriller; Al Burton, 196, TKO (2) over Willie Pope, 190; and Bill Orta, 121½, TKO (3) over Billy Carpenter, 122.

▶ Ho, hum. Art Aragon, he's in again. This time it is manager trouble. Seems as how Messrs. Irving Berman and Mike Hirsch claim they have a "piece" of the Golden Boy, and they want $7,500. for their interest. Aragon's manager of record is Paul Caruso, the attorney who defended him in the mish-mash with Dick Goldstein.

What'll happen? I dunno.

▶ A fateful day in the life of a young boxer is when he has a return match with a man who has knocked him out. A second such knockout could be disastrous. Bob Butcher, San Francisco heavyweight took on Tommy Fields of Los Angeles for the second time, and in this one Butcher took the ten-round decision by a good margin. Six weeks before Fields had KO'd Butcher in the tenth.

Weights: Butcher, 198; Fields, 194. They fought at the Auditorium in Richmond, Jimmy Cosenza promoting. Gross receipts: $1,913.

Referee Tony Bosnich's score read Butcher 99, Fields 92. Butcher landed often with short left hooks to the jaw. His best rounds were the eighth and ninth.

Ruben Vargas, 223, S.F., thrilled the onlookers with an explosive TKO in the sixth over Eddie Cato, 195, of L.A. They had been slated for ten.

Julian Valdez, 142, Vallejo, stopped Andy Escobar, 138, L.A., in the ninth session of the third scheduled ten-rounder.

Herman Henry, 190, halted Leon Hatcher, 190, in the first round.

Charley Sawyer, 147, who whipped Virgil Akins in this city last year, had an easy time of it with Ramon Hernandez, 149, Juarez, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium. Referee Jimmy Wilson stopped the scrap in the 7th and hoisted Sawyer's mitt.

The sad-faced Sawyer had things all his own way against the invader from t'other side of the Rio Grande—he was a mile ahead on all the official score-cards.

Hernandez is a brother of Chebo, and had (reportedly) knocked out 20 of his 26 opponents as a pro. H'mmm. (Then how-come, Mr. Fleischer, that you don't get him in the Record Book?—don't answer that, Nat.)

A sparse crowd paid a gross of $1,786.

Sawyer's comment, after the fight: "Mebbe I'll have better luck in 1958. Mebbe I'll be able to find THREE guys who are willin' to swap punches with me."

This boy deserves more work. He was the ONLY man to whip Virgil Akins in 1956. Trouble is, he hits too hard.

In the six-round semi, Jimmy Feaster, 137½, finished fast to nab a split decision over popular Timmie Jefferson, 136, in a slugfest.

The fours: Joe Augustine, 127, dec. Ruben Gonzales, 127; Joe White, 146, dec. Henry Brown, 147; and Billy Orta, 121, dec. Valentine Gloria, 119½.

▶ Making his first ring appearance in a year, Art Aragon, 154, L. A., won the unanimous 10-round verdict over Woody Winslow, 155, Merced, at the San Diego Coliseum. A near-capacity crowd of 3400 was on hand. Referee Dick Young, sole official, scored it 100-87. Aragon tried hard for a kayo in the last three rounds, but Woody was stubborn. Woody wouldn't.

The crowd cheered Aragon to the echo.

Jerry Mullany Reports: With twenty-eight consecutive victories against capable opponents, undefeated Bobby Scanlon would not be called presumptious if he has strong hopes of some day being lightweight champion of the world. Especially since his two most recent opponents were former title-holders. Two months after TKOing Wallace (Bud) Smith, Scanlon scored a clean cut decision victory over Lauro Salas.

Salas, the internationally famous Little Lion of Monterrey, Mexico, fought Scanlon, of San Francisco, in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. Weights: Scanlon, 132½; Salas, 129.

The earlier bout with Bud Smith was so one-sided that many observers said it was no true test of Scanlon's ability. And right after the fight Smith's advisers urged him to retire.

But it was a different story against Salas. Many onlookers declared that Salas was nearly as fast, and punched much harder than in his only previous S. F. appearance, nine years before. Even so, the well-schooled Scanlon took seven rounds, two being called even, and one going to Salas. Point consensus for Scanlon: 99-94.

With Lou Thomas promoting, the gross receipts were $4478.

All the prelims were four rounders. Results: Max Telles, 128, dec. Chane Flores, 127; Johnny O'Neal, 161, drew with Johnny Ramirez, 161; Luke Souza, 163, dec. Johnny Lauther, 162; Tony Moss, 152, KO'd. Doug Garrett, 148, in 3.

For some reason, the Smart (?) Money boys made youthful Frankie Belma, in his ninth profight, the 2-1 choice over Dave Johnson, San Francisco, who had won 24 of his 32 fights and given Tombstone Smith a tough, tight-fit argument last year in a 12-round tiff for the state welterweight crown.

Maybe it was wishful thinking.

Anyway, Johnson, 146, won the unanimous decision over Belma, 146, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, in a scrap witnessed by some 3,000 fans who paid a gross of about $3,800, to see the doin's.

It wasn't a thriller; there were no knockdowns. Johnson was the aggressor. His bobbing-weaving style seemed to baffle Belma.

Referee Tommy Hart scored it 99-93; Judge John Thomas saw it exactly the same; and newly-appointed Judge Costello Cruz tabbed it 98-93. All for Johnson.

Armando Muniz, 147, Juarez, scored the unanimous verdict over Eddie Gilbert, L. A., 149, in the six-round semi. The fours: Kenny Morris, 127, dec. Joey Hernandez, 132; Freddie Heath, 144½, dec. Tommy Guytoni, 143½, and Arnold Vigil, 126½, TKO (2) over Terry Young, 127.

▶ Tombstone Smith returned from Milan, Italy, where he dropped a duke to Genearlo Garbelli, with a heart-rending tale of woe. He insisted he got the rawest kind of a raw deal, and the evidence seems to bear him out.

Early in 1956, Tombstone met this same Signor Garbelli at Hollywood Legion Stadium and knocked him cold in the 7th round. Yet at Milan, the officials scored EIGHT rounds even in a 10-round fight.

▶ A most unusual young man named Boots Monroe, age 21, weight 119, graduated "summa cum laude" from prelim ranks by scoring an impressive 4th round knockout over German Ohm, Mexico City, 119.

It happened at Hollywood Legion Stadium, and it was Monroe's ninth straight knockout. What made this particular kayo a standout, however, was the fact that it occurred in Monroe's first main event.

This was Monroe's 11th kayo in 14 pro fights. He has lost but one fight—that was to Clyde Nettles, and in a rematch, Boots whipped him. Hence he can make the proud boast that he has defeated every man he has faced in the ring.

The oddly-named German Ohm gent has a record of 35 wins, 4 losses and one draw. As recently as the August issue of The Ring, 1957, Ohm was listed by Nat Fleischer among the "top ten" bantams. In earlier issues, he was No. 5, and rated a title threat.

Monroe, despite his heft—or lack of heft—played football at Centennial High School in Los Angeles. Fullback, believe it or not; and his team in 1954 won the city championship. He's a rangy, slender lad and will undoubtedly develop into a featherweight ere long. He is unusually tall for a banty, packs a potent right hand.

This kid has box-office appeal, a quality enjoyed by kayo punchers. Remember the name, Boots Monroe.

In the six-round semi, Pete Gonzales, 165, won the unanimous decision over Sonny Hett, 163½. The fours: Lou Eggleston, 128, dec. Dick Page, 125; Art Lopes, 139½, KO (4) over Joe Armstrong, 136; and Boston Jones, 147, dec. Larry Mercer, 148.

▶ Matchmakers of both local clubs—Hollywood Legion Stadium and the Olympic Auditorium—are optimistic about the outlook for 1958. Jackie Leonard, who has done a fine job for the Legion club, journeyed to Mexico in search of talent. Kids from below the Rio Grande have proved powerful magnets at the box-office.

As for George Parnassus of the Olympic, he has had the inside track on Mexican talent for a long time. He claims, in addition, to have contracts for the services of two world champions—Hogan (Kid) Bassey and Alphonse Halimi. As well as a number of lesser lights.

▶ My old friend Baron Heinrich von Stumme has imported German welter Karl Heinz, and predicts that this boy will soon be known from border to border and coast to coast. One thing about the Baron: he's always in there, punchin'.

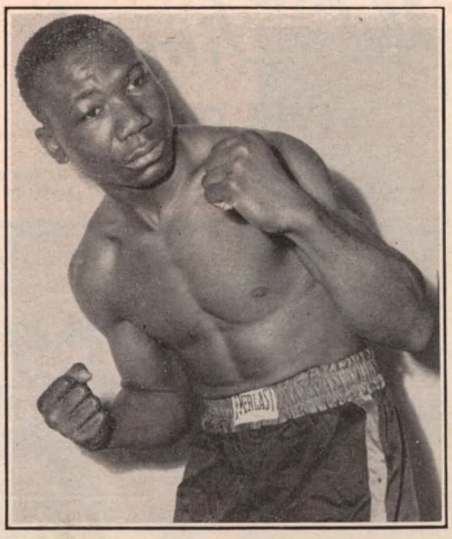
▶ Strolled into the sports department of the L. A. TIMES the other day, and Columnist Braven Dyer greeted me with this query:

"Bill, who boxed the first main event at the Olympic Auditorium, and what was the date?"

Well, it was a card of five six-rounders; the main event was Phil Salvador vs Julius Jessick, with Salvador winning. The date: August 5, 1925. I was at that time connected with Frank A. Churchill, and two of our boys were on the card: Harry Wallach and Sammy Shack. Wallach whipped Babo Picato, and Shack trounced Young Nacionalista.

Both Wallach and Shack, New Yorkers by birth, are now Angelenes by choice. Other fights on that card: Newsboy Brown defeated Frankie Grandetta and Joe Layman decisioned Johnny Kane.

More than 10,000 fans—a sellout—were on hand.



Charley Sawyer, California welterweight who whipped Virgil Akins in 1956, had an easy time of it at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, halting Ramon Hernandez in the seventh round.

ALPHONSE HALIMI

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"I don't know exactly. I think it numbers 189. But there is one fight I do recall very vividly".

Asked to tell about it, he said:

"I was in the finals of an amateur tournament in Paris the night after Marcel Cerdan, my boxing hero, was killed in the Azores. The announcer asked for two minutes of silence following an eulogy paid to my idol, Cerdan. I stood in the ring at attention and when the gong sounded for my fight to begin, I was in a daze."

Alphonse", shouted Filippe, *"get going."*

"I rushed forward, let one punch go. I struck my opponent with force on the jaw. He toppled over at my feet. The fight was over."

Halimi is a stable mate of Charley Humez, contender for the world middleweight title and Cherif Hamia. He is a lad of culture, has a handsome appearance and is dedicated to his profession.

How long will you continue to box, he was asked when he visited "The Ring" headquarters.

"Until I make enough money out of boxing to stamp out the memories of poverty from my childhood days."

Asked to discuss those days, Halimi continued:

"When I was a boy I had no bed on which to sleep. Nor did any of my brothers or sisters. We all had to sleep on the hard floor because our parents were poor."

"It was not until after I turned professional, that I really knew what it meant to have a square meal regularly and to sleep as most people do—in a bed with a mattress and pillows."

How did he decide to make boxing his vocation, was the next query fired at him. And to this he replied with a laugh:

"I ran away from home when I was only about ten years old, but I remember it well. I walked from my home in Constantine for many miles and it wasn't long after that journey that I became involved in a street fight. I had many more in the years following and I gained quite a reputation as a street fighter. I then learned tailoring and if I say so myself, I can do a good job at that in an emergency."

Manager Filippe interrupted to say: *"He is quite an accomplished tailor. He can get a job in the best shops. He is very proud of his prowess with needle and thread."*

To which Halimi added with a grin, *"yes, I have made many of my own suits and when you come back to Paris, if you want me to make one for you, give me the material."*

During their army service, Hamia and Halimi were in the same outfit, a medical unit. Hamia was a medic who carried a stretcher and bandages and Alphonse drove a truck.

"Whenever we went out on manoeuvers, our comrades would tease us. One day one of our outfit stepped in front of my truck," said Halimi, *"and got bruised. Hamia took care of his leg wound and placed him in the truck for me to take him to the camp's medical quarters. From that time on our comrades would laughingly shout every time we out on manoeuvers, "get the truck and bandages ready. Halimi will knock us down so that Hamia can bandage us and get his practice."*

The Halimi story is truly an Horatio Alger "Rags to Riches" yarn.

"I never dreamed that I would earn enough money to be classed in my country, a millionaire," Halimi said when discussing the record guarantee he received, for the fight with Macias. *"Fifty thousand dollars is a fortune in any man's language,"* he continued, *"but to a lad who only two years ago* was practically penniless, it definitely places him into the millionaire class," he concluded.

Never in the history of boxing has a bantamweight received such a huge guarantee for a single contest. Halimi's bout with Macias was a historic affair in more ways than one.

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From the Old Timer's Scrap Book

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IN an interesting series on heavyweights, Jim Jennings, boxing writer of the *New York Mirror*, discussing the case of Joe Louis, remarked:

"Joe Louis is a disillusioned ex-champion. Like all former world title-holders he has learned that boxing is the most callous of all sports. Ring accolades and friends are reserved for men of the hour. The old Brown Bomber is absorbing the bitter lesson the hard way."

Sullivan in a scene in "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands".

Which reminds me of the day I spent with John L. Sullivan at the Orpheum Theatre of Brooklyn where he was appearing in a little skit in which he portrayed the part of a king of pugilism. The papers the previous day had been hard on him. Instead of giving him credit for having licked John Barleycorn and turned to the straight and narrow path, they harped on his days as a drunk and ridiculed his histrionic efforts.

At the time the Boston Strong Boy was well passed his prime. He was making a comeback as an actor and had hoped that his past escapades would be forgotten and his greatness as a pugilist would be the medium to keep up public interest in him. But such was far from the case.

Those who had flocked to his fights and to his theatrical performances when he thrilled them with the parts he played in "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands" and in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," were now conspicuous by their absence. This riled Sullivan and after his last performance in the Brooklyn Theater, he sat in his dressing room depressed.

"WHEN a man has a good dog that likes him and sticks to him through everything, he doesn't need to care about the rest," he soliloquized. "Yes," continued the former champion, "a man may be the greatest in the world—just outclass them all as far as you can throw a rock, but the minute he's a loser, they all quit him cold. Their hero worship lasts only as long as their hero lasts. Once he's through, they're through with him. He ain't in it any more with the guys that made the most of him; but the dog won't quit you. Go away and gamble all you've got on that. When they're all gone and most of 'em forget they ever knew you, the dog'll be right there, sitting at your feet and telling you, 'here's one pal who hasn't forgotten you.'"

The experiences of Sullivan are not new to the boxing fraternity. For every former fistic hero who continues to get a pat on the back and is hailed when he makes a public appearance, there are ten who find themselves in a forgotten world. The plaudits they received when they were on top have passed on to some other fistic hero, in the heavyweight class, to Rocky Marciano.

SPEAKING of Sullivan and the theatre, reminds me of a story Jim Corbett told me when we were working on my book, "Gentleman Jim". Corbett, our readers will recall, was by far the best of all who turned from the roped square to the stage. He, like John L., took many tours but unlike Sullivan, he was extremely popular wherever he went. Perhaps that was due to the manner in which each conducted himself. Corbett was always the gentleman while the Bostonian, more often than not, was the trouble maker in almost every city he visited. It was not until several years after he had lost the world heavyweight title to Corbett, that the Boston Strong Boy reformed and stopped his debauchery.

Corbett, discussing his days as an actor, related a very amusing incident that involved the famous Irish comedian, Bobby Gaylor, while Corbett and his troupe were playing at the Drury Lane Theatre of London. The last act of "Gentleman Jim," it will be remembered by those who either saw the play or read the story of the play, had a reproduction of the arena of the Olmypic Club of New Orleans where Corbett had kayoed Sullivan. Seated on the stage were about 100 persons who added to its realistic effects.

On the opening night Corbett suggested that it would be a good idea if some member of his cast were to mingle with the spectators in the theatre and arouse enthusiasm by challenging Corbett from the floor and because of the Irish brogue of Gaylor, Corbett figured he would be the man, and so it was arranged.

"On the opening night," said Corbett, "Gaylor, wearing his make-up, waited until I got on the stage to go through my sparring act with Sam McVey. And just as the referee started to give his instructions, up jumped Gaylor from his chair and started to fire challenges at me.

"There were a lot of Irishmen in the audience that night and they were there to pay homage to me, one of their breed. After Gaylor had interrupted several times, one big husky Son of Erin walked up to him and in a brogue as harsh as that which Gaylor possessed, he ordered the comedian to shut up. But Gaylor continued, whereupon several tough costermongers decided to get into the picture.

"They rushed poor Bobby, picked him up, passed him over their heads from one to the other, ripped his clothes and otherwise man-handled him until he was a sorry sight. Sam McVey and Billy Delaney rushed off the stage and went to Gaylor's rescue while I explained from the stage that it was all part of a mock performance. When Gaylor came out on the stage for his part, he was the picture of

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RATINGS

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Mexican champion Juan Padilla retained his title outpointing Afredo Cota, 12. Rudolph Bent kayoed Nick Gramaldi, 3. Chalio Duran defeated Billy Greaves, 10, and Conde Gutierrez, 10.

Charley Sawyer stopped Ramon Hernandez, 7. Baby Cochet defeated Alberto Bisbe, 12.

Arnoldo Gil whipped Alfredo Cota, 10. Stan Harrington kayoed L. C. Morgan, 3. Juan Tassara defeated Federico Guerra, 10.

Tony Veranis and Barry Allison drew, 10. Baby Concer kayoed Alfonso Soto, 4. Gale Kerwin won from Jimmy Archer, 10.

Willie Morton outpointed Joe Abasta, 10.

Denny Moyer beat Tommy Thomas, 8. Joe Devlin kayoed Dick McCarthy, 3, and Wally Dorman, 2. Gilbert Holguin kayoed Al Barraza, 2.

Ray Terrazas decisioned Don Alderson, 10. Jerry Conrad and Dick Newell drew, 8. French Champion Valere Benedetto lost to Gaston Mathieu, 10 (non-title).

Andrew Brown won from Willie Dillon, 8. Hans-Werner Wohlers drew with Sauveur Chiocca, 10. Kanguro Martinez stopped Chino Flores, 3.

Babe Ortiz defeated Jimmy Shans, 10. Apolinar Huerta kayoed Jesus Celes, 6, but was kayoed by Jess Bogart, 7. Joe Archer defeated Joe Lissy, 6, Lissy then stopped Bill Flamio, 4. Umberto Vernaglione drew with Lairoce Auzel, 10. Eddie Perkins won from Don Ward, 6, and halted Chuck Adkins, 1. Vince Martinez won a split decision over Gil Turner, 18.

Don Weller defeated Willie Harris, 6, and Jim McNamara, 6.

Kid Rayo defeated Jesse Jones, 6, and drew with Don Farmer, 8. Chino Castillo bested Daladier Urista, 10. El Negrito del Batey and Efi Cross drew, 6.

Jose Hernandez kayoed Oscar Lozano, 2. Bobby Gibson defeated Willie Moore, 6. Bertram Bailey defeated Julie Jamison, 6.

Frankie Brown kayoed Floyd Sampson, 6, but was kayoed by Armando Muniz, 2, who also defeated Eddie Gilbert, 6. Johnny Taylor and Bob Barrett drew, 6.

Antonio Marcilla stopped Willie Miller, 4. Glenn Burgess kayoed Charlie Perkins, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Willie Toweel defeated Orlando Zulueta, 10.

Kenny Lane outscored Johnny Gonsalves, 10.

Duilio Loi retained European title by outpointing Felix Chiocca, 15. Chiocca previously won from Gerhard Muller, 10.

Paolo Rosi edged out Johnny Busso, 10. Bobby Scanlon outboxed Lauro Salas, 10. Joey Lopes outpointed Jimmy Carter, 10.

Orlando Echevarria won the Cuban title by stopping Rafael Lastre, 5. Ludwig Lightburn stopped Larry Armstead, 10.

Don Jordan outscored Willie Morton, 10. Frankie Ryff outscored Kid Centilla, 10. Marcelo Vargas stopped Beto Carbajal, 10.

Ezequiel Uribe outboxed Raul Fuentes, 10. Ray Riojas handed Floyd East his first loss in 27 starts by stopping him 9.

David Comacho stopped Borrado Flores, 5. Belgian Champion Louis van Hoeck drew with Edouard Ptak, 10.

Armand Savoie kayoed Jimmy Brown, 6, but lost to Georgie Martin, 8. Armando Bragano kayoed Liraldo Leyva, 1. Julio Escobedo halted Beto Gonzalez, 9, and drew with Hector Garcia, 10.

Max Carlos stopped Hoacine Khalfi, 8. Jose Campos stopped Chino Rodriguez, 3. Hiroski Okawa halted Omsap Laemphafa, 9. Charley Douglas whipped Jean Santanbien, 10.

Julian Valdes stopped Andy Escobar, 9. Baby Sagarra kayoed Julian Perez, 1. Horacio Otis kayoed Enrique Perea, 8. Roberto Ortega outscored Sergio Contreras, 12.

Bobby Rogers decisioned Chuck Taylor, 8. Marvin McFarland beat Norman Young, 8. Rollie Garcia and Kid Zorro drew, 8. Russell Sands trounced Franco Rosini, 12.

Stan Haywood trounced Sammy Bonnici, 12. Chivo Diaz kayoed Roberto Moreno, 3. Jimmy Feaster beat Timmie Jefferson, 6.

Chico Velez beat Nick Grimaldi, 6. Carlos Loyola beat Tony Villa, 8, and Tony Corrales, 10. Len Matthews kayoed Bill Goodman, 1.

Benny Montoya won over Paul Smith, 6. Oscar Ortegon stopped Gil Tapia, 9, but was stopped by Maxie Trero, 3, Maxie also beat Frankie Corpus, 10, while Tapia drew with Manuel Baptista, 8. Raul Anchondo kayoed Henry Jimenez, 7, and Chango Palacios, 2.

Harold Smith won over Graham Holmes, 6. Mike Spatora defeated Pat O'Brien, 6. Mel Middleton halted Lee Mann, 2.

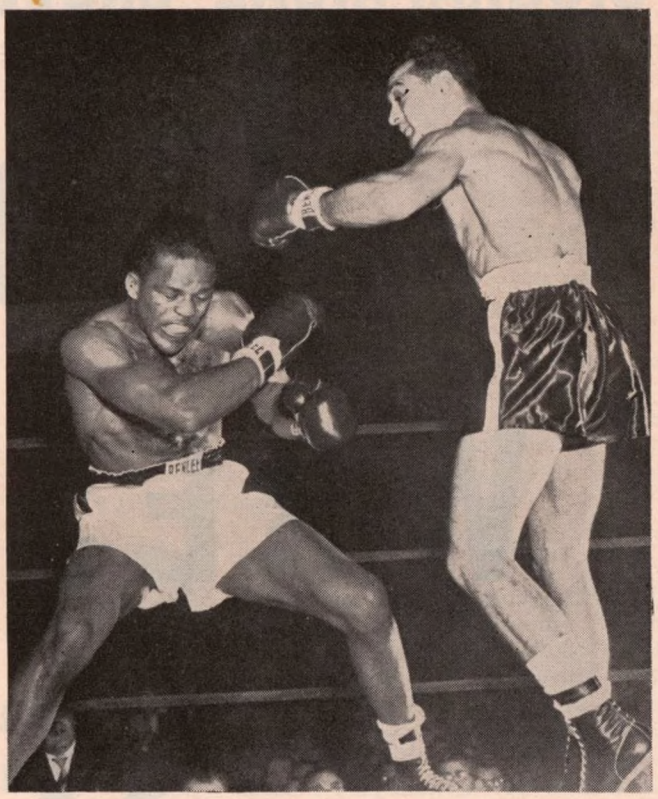
FEATHERWEIGHTS

Davey Moore halted Mexican Champion Victor Manuel Quijano, 9.

South American champion Ricardo Gonzalez kayoed Roberto Lobos, 13.

Willie Pep outsmarted Jimmy Connors, 10, but lost to Tommy Tibbs, 10, Tommy also beat Lulu Perez, 10. Raul Vargas whipped Manolo Garcia, 10.

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY



Big time boxing came back to Philadelphia after a lapse of three years when Vince Martinez (right) fought Gil Turner in a twelve round elimination bout in the welterweight tournament. Martinez buckles Turner's knees with a hard left to the jaw, in one of the few times he turned on the steam, until the last couple of rounds, as he went on to win a cautious, play-safe decision.

Gracieux Lamperti halted Jean Sneyers, 5, and Jose Luis Martinez, 7. Gil Cadilli outscored Jimmy Moser, 10. Hilario Morales kayoed Bombom Kiriz, 2. Jackie Trillana defeated Frankie Salas, 10.

Lauro Salas lost to lightweight Bobby Scanlon, 10. Martin Rodriguez and Puppy Garcia drew, 10. Bobby Bell and Andre Valignat drew, 10.

Al Urbina stopped Indo Conde, 5. Panama champion Jesus Santamaria outpointed Sammy Medina, 15.

Rudy Corona defeated Ricardo Manzanillo, 10, and kayoed Babe Guzman, 1.

Jules Touan defeated Tanny Campo, 10. Manuel Alvarez kayoed Juan Carlos Ayala, 3.

Cris Miranda defeated Jackie Trillana, 10, Jackie edged out Emil Bill Tinde, 10, Tinde then drew with Paulito Escarlan, 10.

Pedro Rocha stopped Carlos Hernandez, 11. Victor Pepeder outpointed Rene Barriere, 12. Tono Coria stopped Hector Ramirez, 6.

Aldo Pravisani won from Jules Touan, 10, and Robert Meunier, 10. Memo Baltazares kayoed Baby Zarate, 6. Flash Menny beat Nick Johnson, 8, and drew with Young Eleno, 8, then beat Tiger Willie, 8. Gallito Reyes defeated Kid Aztequita, 10.

Artie Lupo decisioned Bobby Soares, 8. Victor Pepeder won from Rene Barriere, 12.

Oscar Reyes beat Mornig Macalinao, 6. Juan Venegas decisioned Iggy Maldanado, 6, and Wally Livingston, 6.

Joey Basilio kayoed Will Harris, 3. Frankie Bennett demolished George Flemming, 7. Roberto Murillo beat Tito Marshall, 6.

Giordano Campari outpointed bantamweight Tanny Campo, 10. Al Tisi beat Frankie Figaro, 6. Brian Bennett outfought Darcy Carr, 12. Vivente Vezzoni drew with Humberto Novoa, 10, but lost to Alfredo Bunetta, 10.

Vicente Worrell stopped Arturo Smith, 4. Slugger Joe and Flash Villafuerte drew, 8. Max Murphy outpointed Gordon Bell, 12. Cagayan Boy kayoed Star Riba, 5, but lost to Young Brazil, 8.

Memo Diaz defeated Primo Corpus, 6, Primo drew with Small Genio, 6. Collier Cox whipped Milton Jones, 6.

Greg Carrejo won from Sherman Liggins, 6. Letterio Petilli decisioned to Ventaja, 10.

Pedro Miranda defeated Oscar Cadenas, 10. Al Mendoza kayoed Mickey Rabago, 2, and Eddie Rivero, 5. Johnny Shaw won over Kid Kamva, 6. Frankie Salas defeated Joey Augustine, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Ex-world champion Mario D'Agata stopped Belgian title-holder Jean Renard, 7.

Al Asuncion retained Philippine title by outpointing Little Cezar, 12. Billy Peacock kayoed Jorge Herrera, 2, Jorge also was kayoed in 2 by Jose Lopez, while Jose also kayoed Zurdo Galvan, 5 and Babe Laredo, 3.

Fili Nava kayoed Al Wilcher, 5. South American champion Roberto Castro defeated Roberto Nunez, 10, kayoed Isidro Pesoa, 4, and beat Roberto Nunez again in 10. Eugene LeCozannet relieved Dante Bini of French title, 15. Kid Irapuato stopped Baby Rios, 10.

Caludio Adame spotted Manuel Castro 17 pounds and stopped him, 7. Roger Cappato drew with Antonio Diaz, 10. Japanese champion Koji Ishibashi retained his title by beating Saburo Otaki, 10.

Tanny Campo lost to featherweight Giordano Campari, 10. Felix Cervantes bested Dwight Hawkins, 10.

Bout between Australian champions, bantamweight Dick White and flyweight Warner Batchelor called a draw when stopped because of cut over White's eye, 4.

Eloy Sanchez whipped Chiquis Rosales, 10. Johnny Jarrett drew with Flyweight Leo Zulueta, 10. Rudy Veldez beat Frankie Durano, 10. Dai Dower returned to action and outpointed Eric Brett, 8.

Italian Champion Piero Rollo decisioned Alex Bollaert, 10, and Lopez Durban, 10. Manny Elias stopped Alfonso Mendoza, 5.

Efrain Quintana kayoed Negro Vela, 7. Lorenzo Samules kayoed Sonny McKay, 1. Gerardo Isaba defeated Jesus Cuevas, 10, and Monico Garza, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Pone Kingpetch won on a disqualification over Dommy Ursua, 5.

Sadao Yaoita upset Lefty Iwamoto to win the Japanese Title, 10.

Ramon Calatayud defeated Oscar Suarez 10. Joe Medel kayoed bantamweight David Rodriguez, 9.

Jimmy Abeyta defeated Herman Marcus, 10. Ray Ruiz decisioned Chiquis Rosales, 10, Rosales also lost to bantamweight Eloy Sanchez, 10, then Ruiz whipped Javier Garfias, 10. Bout between Australian champions, flyweight Warner Batchelor and bantamweight Dick White, called a draw when stopped because of cut over White's eye, 4. Esteban Martin drew with Marfel Watel, 8.

Delfino Martinez decisioned Nando Carvajal, 8, but lost to Papelero Rodriguez, 8. Leo Zulueta drew with bantamweight Johnny Jarrett, 10.

Lourdeinez Jr. upset Cunning Andy, 8. Chuy Rodriguez whipped Roque Fernandez, 10. Rudy Alcantara koed Tony Cabrera, 3.

Monito Luna decisioned Alfonso Palma, 6. Young Bonnie halted Kid Bassa, 5. Jorge Correa won over Torito de Campeche, 8.

Kid Independence Jr. beat Baby Espinosa, 10. Little Dommy won from Buddy DeMarco, 8. Jean Guerrard kayoed Carlo Ferrante, 10.

Viva Zapata beat Leon Silos, 10, lost to Teo Castaneda, 10, while Teo and Golden Boy drew, 8, Boy then kayoed Kid Aranas, 3. Station Boy kayoed Rocky Mariano, 3. Antonio Franco whipped Zurdo Sanchez, 6. Angeles Alberto won from Small Dave, 6.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF WRESTLERS SEEN

MEN • • •

Don Eagle

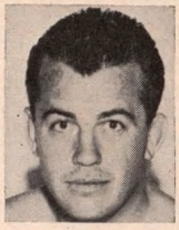
Mohawk Indian prince. . . . Born Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec, Canada. . . . 30 years old. . . . Six feet 1 inch tall. . . . Weight 229 pounds. . . . All-around athlete, football player and professional boxer. . . .

Noted sportsman. . . . Fishing, skin diving and water sports of all kinds. . . . An actor who has appeared in movies. . . . Famous for his "Deathlock" hold. . . . Considered one of the best wrestlers of this era. . . . Combines speed with ruggedness and ability to use the basic holds to perfection. . . . Was coached in wrestling by his father, Chief Joseph Eagle.

Yukon Eric

The human mountain. . . . Born in Fairbanks, Alaska 35 years ago. . . . Has been lumber jack, trapper and hunter. . . . One of the giants of mat game. . . . Has a chest expansion of over 60 inches. . . . Stands six feet one inch and weighs 275 pounds. . . . Real name is Holmbeck. . . . Part Swede and part Eskimo. . . . Little formal education but has studied encyclopedias. . . . Started chopping trees at 14 and weighed 200 pounds at that age. . . . Wrestles bare footed. . . .

Grapples in dungarees, stripped to the waist, without shoes. . . . Began wrestling in 1949 in U.S. . . . Has a list of submission holds, best of which is his "Backbreaker."



Ronnie Etchison

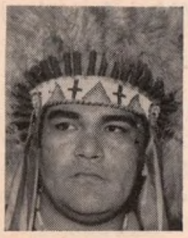
The "Missouri Whirlwind". . . . Saw light of day in St. Joseph, Missouri 34 years ago. . . . Handsome and well proportioned. . . . One of outstanding "Heroes" in wrestling. . . . He packs 235 pounds on a six feet two inch frame. . . . Has many robes with each more fancy than the other. . . . Latest attire, a tiger skin made into flowing robe with long sleeves. . . . Has won Pacific Heavyweight title three times since 1950. . . . Entered the pro field after returning from service in World War II. . . . Is favorite in San Francisco and home town of St. Joseph.

Verne Gagne

The All American Boy, a clean, living exponent of the "straight" school of wrestling. . . . No blonde hair-does—no theatrics. . . . Has developed a superb flying tackle and "sleeper" hold. . . . Married to schoolgirl sweetheart. . . . Age is 31. . . . Height six feet and weight 220 pounds. . . . Born on a Minnesota farm in Robbinsdale. . . .

Performed in the 1948 Olympic games where he won two major triumphs. . . . Had won two AAU championships prior to Olympics. . . . Played football for the same school as the great Bronko Nagurski, the University of Minnesota as well as for the El Toro Marines where he starred. . . . His name is pronounced "Gon-ya."

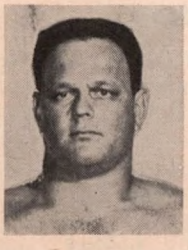
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES



Chief Big Heart

A big hunk of man, the handsome 26 year old Sioux Indian is tops at free style or Indian style wrestling. . . . The Chief stands six feet 1½ inches in his bare feet and toes in over 230 pounds. . . . Been in the professional ranks for six years. . . . Educated at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma where he starred in track and football. . . .

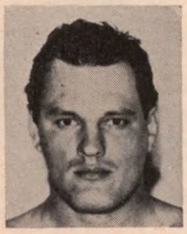
He is single and enjoys eating "wild meat". . . . Spends spare time hunting, trapping and fishing. . . . Fans chant a "War Whoop" during his performances. . . . Goes into Indian war dance when he is close to victory. . . . Has met the best of the modern grapplers.



Dick Hutton

Won NWA world's heavyweight crown from Lou Thesz at Toronto, Canada. . . . Born at Amarillo, Texas but wrestles out of Tulsa, Oklahoma where he makes his home. . . . Grew up in Oklahoma and educated at Oklahoma A & M University. . . . Was three times national intercollegiate heavyweight champ. . . . Represented U.S., along with Verne Gagne, in the 1948 Olympics. . . .

Can be a villain or straight, scientific grappler. . . . Has been in the armed forces twice. . . . reached rank of sergeant on first tour and attained rank of lieutenant second time around. . . . Weighs in around 240 pounds. . . . Height 6 feet. . . . Tough as a grizzly. . . . Married with two children. . . . His abdominal stretch is a viscious hold.



Wladek "Killer" Kowalski

The fearsome giant of the mat circuit. . . . Six feet seven inches tall and 275 pounds of muscle he packs the most powerful arms around. . . . Born in Windsor, Canada 34 years ago. . . . . Polish ancestry. . . . Developed his massive frame as result of weight lifting. . . . A wrestler with solid knowledge of holds and escapes he is frightening when he takes the role of a villain. . . . His knee drop can be plain murder. . . .

Outside the ring this bone crusher is as mild a man as can be found. . . Loves soft music, philosophy and the study of hypnosis at which he considers himself an expert.

Sky Hi Lee

A giant among men. . . . His 290 pounds of sheer muscle is leanly strung along his six feet ten inches. . . . . He wears a 22 inch collar, a 16 size shoe, wears a handlebar mustache, long sideburns and a cowboy suit. . . . Hails from Texas. . . . Father was a Texas Ranger. . . . Performed in circus as fire-eater and human pin cushion. . . . Owns huge ranch near Toronto, Canada. . . . Married to Toronto radio singer Billie Allen. . . . Has two children, Jimmy and Bobby.

A globe traveller. . . . A top notch villain. . . . Voted top wrestler on British soil in 1952.

Big Bill Miller

Known as the Wrestling Veterinarian, Bill was born on a farm at Fremont, Ohio on June 5, 1929. . . . Grew up in Ohio where he went to Ohio State University. . . . Graduated as a vet. . . . Won 9 letters in sports at college. . . . 3 in track, 3 in football and 3 in wrestling. . . . He is six feet five inches in height and weighs 270. . . .

Is at his best as a villain. . . . Has four brothers with Danny becoming a top grappling star in his own right. . . . Also has 2 sisters. . . . With brother Ed held tag team championship. . . . Has been a professional since 1955. . . . Likes classical music and dogs. . . . Married to Jo Ann and has two year old daughter.

Leo Nomellini

Has the knack of gaining fame. . . . A top notch professional football player with the San Francisco 49ers he reached national prominence earlier while playing football at U of Minnesota where he was an All-American in late 40's. . . . Was born in Lucca, Italy. . . . Family moved to U.S. and settled in Minnesota when he was three years old. . . . Stands six feet three inches and has a 250 pound bulge of muscle. . . . Falls into category of "hero" rather than "villain". . . . His flying tackles are destructive and he has rapidly learned the game from A to Z. . . . Made his professional debut in 1950 under a top promoter, Tony Stecher. . . . Is one of the Pacific Coast's favorites. . . . Hobbies: Hunting and fishing.

Pat O'Connor

The pride of New Zealand. . . . Brought up in Massey where he became a blacksmith. . . . Is 31 years old, six feet one and one half inches tall, 232 pounds, blue eyes and a handsome square jaw. . . . Strong silent type. . . . He is exponent of clean, fast wrestling as opposed to the questionable tactics of the "villains". . . . His favorite weapons are his drop kick and flying tackle. . . .

Was a Rugby player in school. . . . Is a hunting and fishing enthusiast. . . . What caused O'Connor to go into wrestling? "Simple", said O'Connor, "I figured it wouldn't be harder to get a hold on a man than on a horse."

Antonino Rocca

"Mr. Legs" has his limbs insured for over a quarter of a million dollars. . . . 34 years old he has the agility of a teenager. . . . Weighs in at 230 pounds and stands six feet in his bare feet. Grapples without shoes. . . . Born in Treviso, Italy and moved to Argentina early in life. . . . His father was the fencing champ of Europe. . . . Tony was a Rugby star in Argentina. . . . Top notch swimmer and equestrian. . . .

Outstanding and spectacular grappler who leaps feet foremost prostrating opponents. . . . Can jump as much as five feet into air. . . . One of highest paid wrestlers in the sport.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

"Wild Bill" Savage

Born William Savage at Joliet, Illinois, September 28, 1930. . . . Blue eyed, blond haired, well proportioned. . . . Six feet tall and over 200 pounds. . . . An all-around athlete who starred in football and swimming. . . . Ex Navy man. . . . Played football on a service team. . . . Attended the University of Illinois. . . . Was an AAU champ, a Navy Service champ and a YMCA champ. . . .

Was married in 1952 to "Betty" a school sweetheart. . . . Has fast reflexes reflected in his speedy attack emphasizing agility of feet and quickness of hands. . . Started wrestling while in high school. . . . Well grounded in basics. . . . Likes sea adventure stories and semi-classical music.

George "The Great" Scott

Capitalizes on his Scottish background. . . . Born in St. Andrew, Scotland he has assortment of kilts and scottish plaid robes, jackets and trunks. . . . Preceded into ring by his bagpiper. . . . Great showman. . . . Mode of attack is speed with just sufficient power to make the big time. . . . Is exceedingly cunning and tricky. . . . Varies his attack. . . . Rarely uses same holds or approaches. . . . Was a physical ed instructor in Navy during World War II. . . . Family moved to Camden, New Jersey while George was still a lad. . . . Stands six feet one and toes toledoes at 225. . . . Went to Tulsa College where he won letters at wrestling, track, swimming and football.

Professor Roy Shire

The big, bad villain. . . . He is built like a V shaped brick wall. . . . And is just as rough and tough. . . . Born in Kentucky he's one of the meanest in the ring. . . . The more he's hated the happier he is. . . . Fans come in droves to see him defeated but he wins as much as he loses. . . . Is a graduate of Northwestern University where he indulged in football and swimming. . . . A smart wrestler. . . . A dedicated wrestler. . . . Dedicated to making money and he's one of the top paid. . . .

Once fought Archie Moore, now light heavyweight champ of the world, for three rounds before referee halted contest. . . .

Wilbur Snyder

A scientific wrestler who can play it clean or mean. . . . Six feet two inches, 235 pounds of destruction plus. . . . His blond hair and blue eyes give him a mild look. . . Looks are deceiving as his opponents will tell. . . . He was all around athlete at University of Utah. . . . Makes effective usage of drop kicks and body presses. . . . Started as professional in 1954.

First came into prominence by winning a TV crown in California where he became a favorite. . . . Has travelled across U. S. and parts of Canada. . . . Married to "Shirlee" his school sweetheart. . . . Has two children, Mike and Cindy. . . .

Gene Stanlee (Mr. America)

Along with brother Steve have been two of the meanest villains to hit the pike. . . . Gene has temporarily retired to the beaches in California but will be back soon. . . . Right name is Stanley Zygowicz and was born 32 years ago in Chicago, Illinois. . . . Is a beautifully proportioned six feet one inch and 230 pounds of muscles where they should be. . . .

He and brother Steve are both ex Navy men. . . . Gene cleaned up on physical awards given by the sea service. . . . Was titled "The Body Beautiful." . . . Developed body by weight lifting. . . . Wears fancy jackets and robes. . . . Puts on act of arrogance in ring. . . . Actually a real nice guy.

Ricki Starr

An ex Purdue University top athlete from St. Louis, Missouri. . . . Named Wrestler of Year by Ring Magazine 1957. . . . 27 years old. . . . Five feet nine and one half inches tall. . . . 190 pounds. . . . Man of many facets. . . . Champion diver, expert at gymnastics, starred at baseball, football and handball. . . . Won 17 state and regional wrestling titles as an amateur. . . .

Vocalist, dancer, actor and a man of varied and strange moods. . . . He is single. . . . Started wrestling in Texas in 1953. . . . Besides grinds, bumps and slaps uses such original holds as The Big Dipper, Shooting Star, and Starlight Roll.

Lou Thesz

Held NWA championship for nine years. . . . Won it from Wild Bill Longson in 1948, lost it to Whipper Watson in 1957, rewon it and lost it to Eduardo Carpentier, then regained crown. . . . Lost to Dick Hutton. . . . 38 years old and standing six feet one inch he scales 225. . . . One of the fastest big men in wrestling. . . . Was amateur prior to pro career. . . . Calls St. Louis, Missouri, where he was born, his "home town". . . . Is married.

His father was a cobbler who came from Hungary to U. S. . . . Thesz has been in pro ranks over 20 years. . . . Armlocks and airplane spin are his favorite holds. . . . Ed "Strangler" Lewis was his manager in his climb to fame.

Enrique (Miguel) Torres

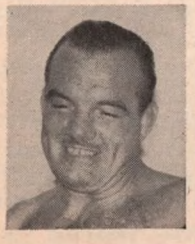
Was first seen in American rings in 1947 when he crossed into U. S. from Mexico. . . . Held Mexican crown at that time. . . . Has held Pacific Coast heavyweight title. . . . Brother Raymond currently holds that championship. . . . Has held forth as a crowd pleaser in California ten years. . . . Has taken on the best in the field. . . . 35 years of age and five feet eleven inches tall he's a real chunk of man. . . . His weight hangs around 230 pounds. . . . A villain, he's one of the best, with a routine of tricks that amuse and anger the fans. . . . He was a sheep herder until he was 19 year of age. . . . Still likes the outdoors.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Billy Varga

Currently campaigning in California. . . . Last year invaded Hawaiian Islands where he won heavyweight crown. . . . Has held light heavyweight title and Pacific Coast heavy crown. . . . Born in Cleveland 38 years ago he is married with two children. . . . Served a hitch in U. S. Navy. . . . Attended the University of Southern California. . . . Stands six feet tall and weighs 215 pounds. . . .

An accomplished grappler of the rugged school he has great success with his abdominal hold and step over toe hold with a twist. . . . Makes California his home when not travelling. . . . Has wrestled in most countries around world. . . . A great sportsman. . . . excells at water sports.



Billy "Whipper" Watson

No youngster, Watson did well as a light heavyweight. . . . After trip to England he gained weight and at 220 pounds was ready to throw his hat into heavyweight ranks. . . . Although six feet tall he is chunky and has powerful arms. . . . Born in Toronto, Canada, he learned his wrestling in a YMCA. . . . Won and lost the NWA version of heavyweight championship from and back to Lou Thesz in 1957. . . .

Has held titles in Australia and Canada. . . . His best holds are his Irish Whip and Canadian Avalanche. . . . Spends great deal of his spare time working for children. . . .

Vicki Lynn

A product of Prockterville, Ohio . . . A standout athlete at high school. . . . Basketball and softball star. . . . A five feet six inches tall blonde with sparkling blue eyes. . . . Has a body like a professional model. . . . One of the snappiest dressers among the lady wrestlers. . . . Has made a careful study of the basic blocks, takedowns and escapes. . . . Can be as rough and tough as her opponent. . . . Her hobbies range from swimming to golfing and bowling. . . .

Has a natural poise and grace that gives her remarkable dignity. . . . Has met the top stars in the game. . . . Her record is spotty but her crowd appeal keeps her in constant demand.

Terry Majors

One of the lady stars with looks to burn. . . . Hails from Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . Five feet four inches tall. . . . 130 pounds. . . . Track, roller-skating and softball top notcher. . . . Combines knowledge of judo along with wrestling holds. . . . Given first chance in grappling by Promoter Billy Wolfe. . . . A sweet personality outside the ring. . . .

A superb horsewoman she wants someday to pilot her own plane. . . . Is an outstanding musician. . . . plays a mean guitar. . . . likes soft, sweet music on the dreamy side. . . . Loves adventure. . . . "Anything that's exciting," says Terry.

WOMEN • • •

June Byers

Like Princess Moolah, Byers holds a version of the Women's world title. . . . A fighting Texan. . . . Houston is home to her. . . . A very pretty gal in her late 20's. . . . Has power to burn with muscles she hasn't even used yet. . . . Stands five feet seven and toes the scales at 150 pounds. . . . Is Auburn-haired. . . . Married. . . . Has a son. . . . Is a scientific wrestler who can get rough when the time is ripe. . . .

Also dabbles in advertising and has talent at writing. . . . Her income is estimated at five figures. . . . Despite many injuries sustained in the ring is one of the most feared grapplers among the lady groaners.

"The Amazing" Judy Grable

Known in the mat world as the pride of Miami, Florida. . . . Also known as the "Barefoot Contessa" . . . Like Antonino Rocca she performs sans footgear and has powerful legs. . . . In her 20's she has achieved the status of a contender for championship honors. . . . Uses combinations of cartwheels and drop kicks. . . . Also flying head scissors and flying toe holds to good advantage. . . .

Started in learning how to wrestle at 14. . . . Worked as a trapeze star in a circus. . . . A natural athlete she excelled at basketball and swimming. . . .

Princess Moolah

Originally known as "Slave Girl Moolah". . . . a dark haired beauty. . . . Exponent of the rough and tumble school. . . . height five feet four inches. . . . weight 140. . . . Married to one of the games leading booking agents Buddy Lee. . . . Won her version of women's title at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1956. . . . Known as a bundle of dynamite. Is one of the most capable of the lady stars. . . . Has good command of wrestling holds and has met the best in the game. . . .

A glamorous queen of the mat she is likely to show up at ringside in anything from a straight bathing suit to a leopard skin that will show off her curvacious wares.

Ella Waldek

Born in Custer, Washington, of German parentage. . . . Fair complexion, blue eyes, natural blonde hair. . . . An athletic physique weighing 148 pounds nicely distributed over her five feet five inches. . . . An all-around athlete she excelled at basketball and baseball. . . . An accomplished roller-skater. . . . During World War II was airplane checker with the U. S. Government Civil Service. . . .

Goes in for the rough and ready type of grappling that has made her one of the most feared of the women grapplers. . . . She's a veteran with over ten years of wrestling.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

AT SYDNEY STADIUM, RUSSELL SANDS easily outpointed Algerian, HOCINE KHALFI, whose reflexes were too slow for the sharp-shooting Sands. Russell won in all departments of the game. The fight had a sensational opening when Sands dropped Khalfi for a count within twenty seconds of the opening bell. But Khalfi was in good condition and never was in danger of being knocked out at any part of the fight.

Stadiums Ltd are trying to bring out WILLIE TOWEEL to defend his Empire lightweight title against Russell Sands.

▶At Melbourne Stadium, HOCINE KHALFI lost to MAX CARLOS, number two Australian lightweight contender, when an eye injury forced the Algerian out in the eight round. Up to the end, Carlos had given Khalfi a boxing lesson and was headed towards an easy win.

Three days after the Carlos-Khalfi fight, RUSSELL SANDS met Italian importation, FRANCO ROSINI at Sydney Stadium. Apart from the handshakes at the beginning of the fight and at the beginning of the last round, the only times that Sands could touch Rosini were when Rosini clinched. The Italian's exhibition was disgraceful. He ran backwards quicker than any boxer I have seen. He did not score on the backmove like some boxers; he just ran. Rosini did not want to be in there. Sands begged Rosini to fight.

Referee Vic Patrick is a very patient man. He warned Rosini to fight nearly every round. He also warned him for butting, punching low and palming—yet Vic stayed in there with the fight (sic) until the last bell.

▶Mexican SAPO ORTEBA, who was soundly beaten by Russell Sands last month, survived a near knockout in the second round to come on and win a gruelling points decision over BOBBY SINN at Sydney Stadium. It was a thrilling fight with action all the way, but Sinn takes too many punches for his own good.

▶Biggest upset of the year occurred in Brisbane when FRANKIE BENNETT knocked out GEORGE FLEMMING in seven rounds. Flemming, a lightweight, has been turning back Sydney featherweights for some time now, but Bennett, previously number two contender for the Australian featherweight title, gave him an unmerciful beating. Bennett is now number one contender. He is improving with every fight.

▶An unusual decision at Brisbane. Australian bantam champion, DICK WHITE, was badly cut about the face by WARNER BATCHELOR, Australian flyweight champion, and the Police Inspector at ringside ordered referee Pat Hill to stop the fight in the fourth round. Pat did—and called it a draw. He is to be commended for his decision, as White was strong at the time.

▶Australian welter, BILLY TODD, knocked out Italian middleweight, ANGELO BRISCI, in four rounds at Melbourne Stadium with a body punch. It was Billy's first fight for some months.

▶American MILO SAVAGE, has returned home. In his first fight here he was stopped by Clive Stewart. In his second match, he came down the scale a long way to meet CLARRIE GROGAN. Savage won in the ninth round, but could have won earlier. He is a very lazy fighter.

▶Sydney welter, BERT HORNBY made a comeback at Brisbane Stadium but was halted in eight rounds by Queensland State welter champion, JACK WALSH.

▶Broken Hill Stadium has re-opened, with a new promoter. First promotion saw welter, DON BARNES (brother of George) halt KID LEWIS in two rounds. A week later, Don halted MAX SIMSON in six rounds.

▶At Camden, featherweights BRIAN BENNETT and DARCY CARR turned on a war. Bennett won on points and the boys were rewarded with a large shower of coins. This is a habit with Bennett, who has received more showers than any other fighter here. I was the referee of this fight.

▶I also refereed the fights held at Wollongong the following Friday. In the main bout there, MAX MURPHY, number two feather contender, easily outpointed a game GORDON BELL. This was an elimination bout for the Australian title. There will be another eliminator next month, between Frankie Bennett and Brian Bennett (no relation), with the winner tackling Murphy for the title.

▶Our heavyweight champion, idle for over a year, made a recent comeback to stop Bob Murdoch at Cessnock (reported a couple of months ago) and put the polish on his form with two recent title defences. The champion is ALLEN WILLIAMS, who defended his title by knocking out STEVE ZORANICH in the 15th round at Perth and PETER LAKE in the twelfth round at Adelaide ten days later. Not many champions stake their titles twice in ten days!

▶ALF O'SULLIVAN, a junior welter, drew with welter PHIL WALLACE at Melbourne, then announced he no longer would fight fully-blown welters. As a junior welter, ALF can keep a lot of fellows busy.

▶Lismore lightweight, STAN HAYWARD had little trouble with Maltese southpaw, SAMMY BONNICI. Hayward, also a southpaw, won on points. Fight took place at Lismore.

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"NOW, WHATEVER HAPPENS, THIS NIGHT WON'T BE A TOTAL LOSS."

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Les Muller

JOHANNESBURG: Willie Toweel, South African holder of the Empire lightweight title, outpointed Al Nevarez of Mexico over ten hard fought rounds at the Rand Stadium. Although Toweel appeared to win seven rounds and Nevarez only two, it was probably one of Toweel's most rugged fights.

In his first fight since winning the Empire flyweight championship in Glasgow, Dennis Adams failed to impress in beating Boet Stander on a T.K.O. in the sixth round. Adams dropped Stander in the fifth round and again early in the sixth round.

▶Evie Vorster, former South African welterweight champion, was beaten in Glasgow by John "Cowboy" McCormack. The referee stopped the fight in the seventh round to save Vorster unnecessary punishment.

▶Colin Strauch, keen South African heavyweight, failed to impress in his fight against Abe Stanley, the promising British heavy. Strauch lost a mauling fight on points over eight rounds.

▶JOHANNESBURG: The Transvaal flyweight title changed hands when Freddie Ngidi gained a fourth round T.K.O. over holder Lefty Masondo in a non-European bout. Ngidi was cool throughout the four rounds with Masondo fighting at breakneck speed.

Gabriel Seleke, 145½, beat Gash Dlamini, 143, by forcing the latter to retire with a badly injured eye. Ike Williams easily outpointed Billy Wilkins over six rounds in a welterweight clash. Dietricht Letsolo beat Kid Marais over six rounds in a dull featherweight affair.

▶DURBAN: Joe Ngidi, 153, retained his middleweight title against Philemon Tshabalara, 156¾. From the first round the boys slugged it out. Ngidi sustained a cut over his left ear and his left eye was swollen.

Darius Dhlomo, 166, beat Jackson Moloi, 168¾, on points over eight rounds. Nagoor Govender, 116, beat David Joe, 112, over four rounds. Joseph Nakasa, 112, beat Edward Kubeka, 111½, on points over four rounds. Cyril Moorehead, 119, drew a four rounder with Louis Joshua, 119. Victor Hulley, 118, won on a third round T.K.O. over K. O. Zacks (118).

▶JOHANNESBURG: The Transvaal bantamweight king, Leslie Tangee, retained his title with a split decision over challenger Elliot Tshabalala in 10 rounds.

Eddie Kekane woke things up with a 71 second KO over Jerry Moloi at the lightweight limit.

Makeed Mofokeng, 146, beat Morgan Mogale, 141½, on points. Eric Ntsele, 118, beat Frisco Sekati, 125½, 4th round K.O. Frans Sefayana, 125½, beat Lazarus Tgelele, 125½, on a 3rd round K.O. Robbie Goliath, 154½, beat Chris Mahlobo T.K.O., 2nd round.

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SINGAPORE BOXING
By Little Nene

BEFORE 2,009 THRILLED BUT DISAPPOINTED PAYING boxing fans, Ray Ming Chan, 125, Filipino-Chinese scrapper, and Ronnie Manasseh, 121, a former local amateur bantamweight kingpin who turned New Australian in Sydney last year, put up one of the best fights seen here in many years. And after a ten round slugfest one official marked his score-card 50-50, the other had it 51-50 in Manasseh's favor, while the ref scored his verdict 41-40.

▶Thiam Seng, 112, also known locally as Robert Goh, kayoed Wee Kee, 112, in the 5th. Royal Ali, 114, was awarded a disqualification win over Rugged Angelo in the 4th. William Smith, 139, outpointed Tommy Misson, 139, over six frames. In the four rounders, Fgt. Samat kayoed Mike Rodrigo in the second heat of a flyweight contest, while Tiny Hussein, 105, outpointed Attu Kid, 106.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS? HUH!

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vs. Carpentier—Patterson vs. Rademacher) and then the possibility of the world heavyweight champion putting the title on the line against a British heavyweight who did not measure up to championship class (Dempsey vs. Beckett—Patterson vs. Erskine), all these events move in a strange parallel, which might be a strange parable.

Four world champions failed to put their titles on the line in 1922, while all title holders were active in championship contests in 1957.

Besides Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, middleweight king Johnny Wilson, featherweight champion Johnny Kilbane and flyweight titleholder Jimmy Wilde failed to give a contender a shot at their crowns in 1922.

Wilson, after winning the title from Mike O'Dowd in 1920, was in several unfortunate bouts in which he did not perform in championship class, and all attempts to get him to jeopardize his title in a championship match met with failure. He thereupon was suspended by a number of commissions and was inactive, except for two inconsequential matches in 1922.

Kilbane, who had been hording the featherweight title for ten years, placing it on the line sparingly and with careful selection of opponents, failed to participate in even one bout during 1922, his sole activity being an uneventful trip around the world. Tex Rickard made him a few large offers to defend his honors in a bout at Madison Square Garden, but Kilbane turned a deaf ear to these proposals.

Jimmy Wilde also was inactive during 1922, his defeat at the hands of Pete Herman the year before just about signalling the end of the career of the Mighty Atom, and it was widely felt that he would definitely retire from all ring activity. As it turned out, in 1923 he met Pancho Villa in New York and was thoroughly outclassed in losing his crown.

The only world light heavyweight title match saw Battling Siki take the crown away from Georges Carpentier, a fight that possibly did more harm than good and was fraught with charges and counter-charges that left the public a little dazed and in the dark.

The aging Jack Britton, he was closing in thirty-eight, defended his welterweight title three times in bouts that pointedly showed he should have retired. He was to continue campaigning for another eight years. Against Dave Shade, in a tame and unsatisfactory fight at Madison Square Garden, lightly attended, he retained his crown when the decision was brought in as a fifteen round draw. Then, fighting Benny Leonard, world lightweight champion, with his, Britton's title at stake, it appeared that Leonard would wind up with both crowns, when Leonard, for no fathomable reason, fouled Britton in the thirteenth round and was disqualified. It all left a bitter taste. Britton then lost the title to Mickey Walker.

Leonard, however, was most active of all champions and put on some great shows. In addition to the Britton bout, he defended his lightweight crown against Rocky Kansas twice, winning a decision and stopping him in eight rounds. Benny also tangled with Lew Tendler in a twelve round no decision bout at Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, in a bout that grossed $367,000, then a record for a lightweight match and only surpassed to this day in his second bout with Tendler in 1923.

Joe Lynch regained the bantamweight title by knocking out Johnny Buff in the fifteenth round of a splendid bout and then successfully defended it against Midget Smith, whom he had previously defeated decisively.

In all, eight world championship matches were staged in 1922, by no means a robust year for the titleholders and with four champions inactive, a condition which would not be tolerated today.

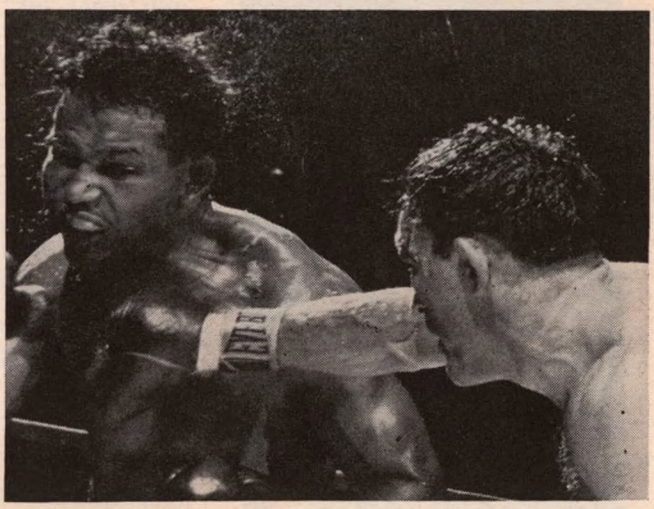
In 1957, all champions placed their titles on the line and, in all, sixteen championship matches took place.

But there can be no taking away from 1922 for all-around activity. Fighters there were, and clubs to go with them. A careful check shows that during the month of January 1922, professional shows were run in 102 different cities throughout the United States, and in a number of cases some cities had several clubs active. New York had so many clubs going that the efforts of the chairman of the New York Commission, Julius Helfand, to get at least a couple of small clubs moving is like spit in the ocean in comparison. But it is a step in the right direction, and sink or swim in the ocean of aggravation that goes with it, the attempt must be applauded. For January 1958, there were shows run in 31 different cities, not all on a regular, weekly basis.

One of the most encouraging signs of the time, in 1922, was the growth of boxing in armories in New York and other eastern cities. Professional cards were regularly held in the armories of the 9th Coast Defense, the 102nd Medical Corps, 15th Infantry Regiment, 47th Regiment and the 2nd Field Artillery in New York.

A step in that direction could help boxing today. But perhaps Mr. Helfand has something to say on that matter before we do.

ROBINSON-BASILIO ENCORE



Carmen Basilio and Ray Robinson shown at right during their first fight in which Carmen won the title in what was "The Fight of the Year" in 1957. When they clash again in Chicago on Tuesday, March 25, will their second fight live up to the first? Will Robinson once again do the impossible and regain the crown for a fourth time, or will Basilio put the finish to Sugar Ray's fistic career.

FROM THE OLD TIMER'S SCRAP BOOK

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despair and by way of clarifying matters with those who had mistreated him, he remarked in his inimitable way, that that part of the play would have to be cut out. It was too realistic."

WHILE on the subject of great heavyweights, here's a story about Bob Fitzsimmons which Dad Phillips, my father-in-law, who passed away at the ripe old age of 89 and wrote many interesting stories on old time pugs for *The Ring*, told me:

"Fitzsimmons was booked for a tour of the East in boxing exhibitions. He had completed three days at the Academy of Music in New York City and was then booked for three days at Newark, New Jersey. It was a hot summer's day when he opened the Jersey portion of the tour and he was a hit. His punching bag stunt was a wow. With one clout of his famous left he sent the bag sailing to the rear of the theatre while the spectators howled with

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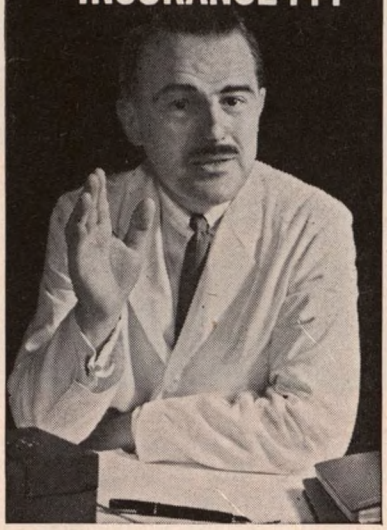

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D'AMATO REVEALS ALL

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to strangle us. We can't afford a defeat. It's in your hands. Nobody goes the limit. Go all out, from the opening gong.'"

PATTERSON HUNG UP ELEVEN STRAIGHT KNOCKOUTS

"Look in your 'Ring Record Book,' and you will see what happened in 1955 after Patterson had got an eight round decision over Jimmy Slade on November 19, 1954," D'Amato went on.

"Floyd scored eleven straight knockouts. He stopped Troy in the fifth, then came Don Grant, Esau Ferdinand, Yvon Durelle, Archie McBride, Alvin Williams, Dave Whitlock, and Calvin Brad.

"On December 8, 1955, Patterson stopped Slade in seven rounds at Los Angeles, and I knew my plan had succeeded. My man was ready. Inside of a year, Patterson knocked out Archie Moore and made himself the world champion.

"One of the eleven had to be knocked out twice. They even went to the extreme trick of stealing Patterson's cup.

"Patterson stopped this man with a punch to the liver. But they rang the bell. Then I said, 'Floyd, make sure you don't hit him below the head. Don't let them holler foul.' In the fifth Floyd stopped that guy for good.

"Then our troubles began. Nobody would fight Patterson. The night Jackson met Baker in the Garden, boxing writers asked me if I would let Patterson fight Jackson for the right to challenge Rocky Marciano. I replied that I would accept that arrangement."

"The newspapermen, who apparently had talked with Norris, then asked if Patterson would fight Jackson on a Friday night in the Garden," D'Amato chuckled.

"I said, 'This is no weekly card match. This is a $250,000 open air fight.'

"They countered with the ultimatum that if I wanted the chance I would have to take a Garden date. I then said, 'Okeh, but we've got to get open air pay. I want $50,000.' The newspapermen laughed at me.

"Later the IBC sent intermediaries to me, offering Patterson $4,000 to fight Jackson..

"From then on the situation grew more and more severe. We were getting the works.

"Then Al Weill and the IBC broke. This was not taken seriously by the writers. It was suspected to be something for the benefit of the Federal judge in the monopoly action. But I had an intuition. I said, 'This thing is on the level.'

"I knew that if I went to Weill with questions he would turn me down. In a roundabout way I discovered that the quarrel was bona fide and then I knew I had the IBC in a corner. It could be Patterson vs. Marciano, for some independent promoter. Finally I found a third man of integrity.

"He arranged a meeting with Norris and we reached an agreement. Patterson was to get $40,000 for the Jackson fight, and I was to receive $10,000 as indemnity for having been refused fights by the IBC.

"Norris promised to see that I got matches for my fighters and my friends also were taken care of with work for their men."

PATTERSON'S FRACTURED HAND ALMOST SIDETRACKED HIM

"Well, Patterson defeated Jackson in twelve, broke a hand, and almost got side-tracked," D'Amato recalled.

"I was urged to let Floyd undergo an operation. I refused. I read that Norris was going to let Jackson fight Moore for the championship, already vacated by Marciano.

"I went to the Garden and Harry Markson denied that Norris ever had given that out.

"However, boxing writers insisted that they had not misquoted Norris, so I went on radio and asked if Norris had become the chairman of the Boxing Commission.

"Well, pretty soon we got the Moore match, which Norris insisted had to be fought in Chicago.

"Meanwhile, there were no fights for my other boxers. I got a tossing around in the IBC offices. Norris promised action, but did nothing. Matchmaker Brown promised. I went back to Markson and demanded that the fat pigs be pushed away from the trough and hungry fighters and managers get a chance.

"I stopped going to the Garden. Markson said something to me about 'those tough guys,' but I said I knew no 'tough guys.'

"I went to Lence and we agreed on a return match between Patterson and Jackson. Lence in turn would attempt to promote neighborhood clubs to help boxing. Patterson knocked out Jackson to retain his heavyweight crown. Lence was unable to get the small clubs functioning."

The interviewer then questioned D'Amato on the reasons which lay behind the collapse of negotiations for a title defense against Willie Pastrano, in New Orleans.

"After Patterson had whipped Jackson, I was approached about a fight with Pastrano," Cus replied. "I said okeh, but it would have to be in New York, and if there were a return bout, we would go to New Orleans.

"I told my contact not to talk about it, but it came out in the sports pages, just the same.

"Then the Pastrano conections denied that they ever had talked with me. It turned out that Pastrano would not fight except for Norris.

HOW WILL ALL THIS BATTLING COME TO END?

"About this talk from England that I had insisted on voiding the no-foul rule if we fought there." Cus said. "I never brought it up. But I know who started the discussion. No friend of mine.

"On what basis would I settle my battle with Norris? I want the IBC to give up one of its TV nights. I want bidding for matches. I want two organizations in the field, managers no longer subjected to intimidation, with better financial breaks for the boxers, especially in splitting television revenues."

Having given in on the promotion of the Patterson-Jackson fight, will Norris consent to a settlement with D'Amato now? It's a loaded situation and only the two participants can give us the answer. War or peace?

GUEST REFEREE

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stopped it in the ninth round. But Slim didn't work too many fights for Gibson after that."

Another aspect of the referee-selecting dodge came to light in Europe some years ago when George Godfrey boxed Pierre Charles at Brussels for a synthetic world's heavyweight title.

Because Charles was a Belgian and Godfrey an American, it was agreed to bring in a French referee.

Godfrey made a poor fight but Charles evidently was worse, since the third man gave the decision and the title to big George.

The promoter refused to pay Godfrey and his protests later sheared off the lid on a private deal. As divulged in a leading Brussels sports publication, he had signed a double set of contracts, in one of which he'd promised to lose.

"I did my best," Godfrey had pleaded. *"It wasn't my fault I won, blame it on the referee."*

The fighter got himself an attorney and sued in the Belgian courts for his purse and the court ruled in his favor. But the odor raised ruined boxing in that nation for several years.

There was the time Lou Nova was matched with Tony Galento in an important heavyweight match at Philadelphia.

Ray Carlen, managing Nova, a California-developed fighter, insisted on bringing in George Blake of Los Angeles as the referee. Galento had a reputation for getting away with dirty fighting. With Blake, Carlen assumed Tony would have to toe the line.

Well, for one round Galento obeyed Blake's prefight instructions. In the second he began the rough stuff. When the next rest period came, Carlen called over to Blake: *"Watch him." "Don't worry, I'm watching him,"* George assured Ray.

Watching was about all he did. In the succeeding rounds Galento ignored the rules more flagrantly than in any bout of his career—and that's taking in a lot of territory. Blake never disciplined Tony.

Eventually Nova was a shambles—bruised, bleeding, his eyes blood-shot and cut. In the 14th round the referee took his first decisive action of the night: he stopped it to "save Lou from punishment."

It was far too late. Nova suffered such a fearful beating that he was in the hospital the better part of six months. He was lucky not to lose the sight of an eye. A year later he began boxing again but he never was the fighter he had been before.

Retired heavyweight champions always have been sought after for 'guest referee' roles and, in that league, the leader long was Jack Dempsey. He traveled the furthest distance to referee, 10,000 miles, to Manila, in the Phillipines, and he received the highest pay, $10,000 ($5,000 fee, $5,000 in expenses). Another time, in Caracas, Venezuela, he also received $10,000.

However, when fight people gather, the refereeing date of Dempsey's that they talk about was neither of the above. It was the bout in Ogden, Utah, between ex-heavyweight champ Ezzard Charles and Rex Layne, who came from nearby Salt Lake City.

Even the amiable old Manassa Mauler would not object if it was pointed out at this juncture that he has an incorrigible affection for Utah, where he spent most of his youth, and for the people of that state.

Anyway, all neutral observers were confident after the 10-round bout that Charles would get the decision, he'd boxed better and scored with the more telling punches, though Rex, as usual, had been giving it the slugger's try all the way.

Then Dempsey raised Layne's hand.

Everyone was dumbfounded. Somebody asked Jack for his scorecard.

"Scorecard?" he repeated with amazement, *"I didn't keep a score, I just know who won."*

But you must know how many rounds each fellow won, don't you? the questioner persevered.

"Sure," rejoined Jack, *"I'd say Layne won two rounds, Charles one, with seven rounds even."* Seven even!

Still another unusual climax came out of the Las Vegas heavyweight elimination between light heavyweight boss Archie Moore and Nino Valdes, the Cuban giant, three years ago.

This was a fight which Bobby Gleason, Valdes' manager, had not wanted.

In urging him to take it, Jack (Doc) Kearns, the old manipulator who was promoting, said: *"Listen, Bobby, Moore will give you every break; why, he won't care if you bring your own referee, why don't you get Jim Braddock?"*

As Gleason now retells the story, he says: *"I should have been suspicious the minute Kearns mentioned Braddock but it never occurred to me. In fact, it sounded like a great idea, so I got in touch with Jim and signed for the fight."*

Then came an idyll of seeming perfect friendship between Valdes' manager and the onetime Cinderella Man. They traveled together, had their meals together, etc.

"The night of any fight," Gleason reported, *"I usually have a jumpy feeling in my stomach. But this night I felt like a million. I had Nino in perfect shape and, with Braddock in the middle, I was certain we'd get an even break."*

By all accounts, it was a fairly close fight, which, with a bit of leaning, could have gone to Valdes. And, as the 15th round ended, Bobby still was feeling pretty good.

But, when Braddock's vote was announced, Jim wasn't leaning—he was voting straight up-and-down—**Moore the winner.**

Near-tragic, dramatic, ingenious or ironically humorous, almost any kind of come-off can emerge when a fight manager yields to the suggestion, **"Go ahead, bring your own referee."**

OLDTIMER'S SCRAPBOOK

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delight as all hands ducked to avoid contact with it.

When he had finished with Newark, he had one day of rest before going on to Trenton and he decided on spending the day amusing himself. Since Ruby Robert was a playful fellow, always ready to put something over on his friends, several decided to retaliate. Asked how he would like to go to a sanatorium where they told him it would be a good gesture on his part to pay a visit to Young Griffo, who was confined there, Fitzsimmons willingly acquiesced.

The arch-schemer who had laid the trap into which Bob so readily fell, hustled off to a telephone and called up Dr. Maguire, who was in charge of the hospital, a private sanatorium where demented patients were treated.

"This is Dr. Sullivan of Newark, I have a patient who needs your care. He suffers from hallucinations. He imagines he's Bob Fitzsimmons and his wife would like to have him placed in your institution for a period. I'll have him brought in tomorrow.

The Supervisor of the hospital agreed to take in the patient but was warned that the patient had to be humored. Dr. Maguire agreed to take care of that.

THE next morning Fitzsimmons and his friend arrived at the institution where they were met by Dr. Maguire. As the men entered, the perpetrator of the hoax, addressing Dr. Maguire, remarked:

"This is Bob Fitzsimmons, Dr. Maguire."

"Not the great Bob, the man who whipped Jim Corbett?"

"Yes, the same Fitzsimmons," was the reply.

Dr. Maguire, passing a vacant "cell," remarked to Fitzsimmons, "why Mr. Fitzsimmons we have everything here to care for the patients. Nothing is lacking and we see to it that they are properly handled. Why just go into that 'cell' and see for yourself how clean it is."

Fitzsimmons walked in to examine it and with that, the door was shut.

When released, Bob went looking for the joker but couldn't locate him. That was one time when Ruby Robert was on the wrong end of a hoax.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

CONTINENTAL boxing wound up 1957 in great style, with many well-attended programs staged in all parts west of the Iron Curtain. Most of the European champs aired their gloves to good effect, save Young Martin, who was eclipsed in three rounds by Pascual Perez down Argentina way. Excellent propaganda was served up in Norway, when the first professional show was held since 1941 and it seems that the game is gaining ground in the Far North. Two better than average Continentals have hung up the gloves—Guido Mazzinghi of Italy and Hoacine Khalfi, the Algerian lightweight. Overseas, Continentals did fairly well. Hans Friedrich upset Kitione Lave and Ben Buker II trounced Gordon Gray in England, while Galiana scored a draw and Manolo Garcia dropped a verdict in Argentina. Uwe Janssen did well against Randy Turpin but was finally stopped in eight rounds while Bouraoui suffered a similar fate against Terry Downes and Marcel Pigou lost out to Pat MacAteer via the points route. Ady Biver, the Luxembourgh heavy, debuted in Canada with a kayo over Claude Martel and in the Dutch West Indies, Gerard van Eyk was unlucky to lose to Little Dynamite in a middles eight.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** In the Italian fight capital, they believe in making a real Boxing Day of it and in recent years the onus has been on Duilio Loi to furnish the highlights. On this occasion Duilio was on his best form, as is generally the case when the opposition is tough. Felix Chiocca had already dropped a decision to the Genosee in a non-title bout but was confident of his chances in a title match. Loi opened up calmly and after an even first round he copped the next three mainly through an effective left hand. He was warned not to use his head as a third glove and Chiocca came back to grab the next heat and get the edge during the sixth. The Corsican tried hard to get at close quarters but Loi turned on the speed and moved round the challenger with disconcerting ease to regain mastery. The fight continued on these lines for several rounds, with Loi boxing magnificently and keeping the dangerous Corsican at distance. However, the challenger received a rude shock in the twelfth, when he charged into Loi, regardless of punishment, and hammered away at close quarters. Loi stood his ground and, without losing his self-control, exchanged punch for punch with the fiery Chiocca and appeared to have rather the best of it. The succeeding rounds also went to the champion, despite every desperate attempt of Chiocca to slug it out although he did stage a toe-to-toe affair in the fifteenth and last round, which ended more or less honors even. But honors for the night went to Loi, who retained his European lightweight title by a noteable margin of points.

Heavyweights are always news. Particularly when they make the kind of progress that Mino Bozzano has achieved this year. Still unbeaten, he tackled the tough German, Hans Friedrich, who had only recently thrashed Kitione Lave in England. Friedrich is not world class but there are not many big fellows in Europe who can whip him. But the handsome Italian, disputing his fourteenth pro bout, was too good for Hans and allowed himself the luxury of dropping the Teuton twice, for counts of 8 and 9. Bozzano, 193, won decisively over ten rounds against Friedrich, 210, and thus established himself as a genuine threat to Johansson. Mario D'Agata was tough as ever against Roger Cappato and, thanks to his armored-car methods, won over the French bantam in ten. Santo Amonti, cruiser comer, iced Herbert Sowa of Germany in the opening session and Giancarlo Brusa nodded Ilagi in a middle six. The attendance at the Sports Palace was 15,000 and was thus a financial and sporting success.

▶ **Oslo, Norway.** The last important program in the Land of the Vikings was back in 1935, when Pete Sanstol met Al Brown, though there was a brief spell of pro boxing in 1941. Since then, Norwegian boxing has been swamped by an anti-boxing campaign which almost finished off even the amateur side of glove-slinging. Thanks to a few devoted sportsmen, fans were allowed to watch some first-rate scrapping at the Nordstrandhall, where a Scandinavia-Holland program was put on. Leif Hansen fought the main event against the Dutch welter king, Frits van Kempen, and came through with a draw after eight hard rounds. As this was Hansen's third pro outing, it wasn't bad. Anders Haga, Norway, made his debut over four rounds against Hein van der Zee and although losing on points, made a good impression. Chris Christensen, the Fighting Dane, had a difficult foe in Toon Schuurmans and could only obtain a draw after six hard rounds, though Chris boxed with a damaged hand for most of the bout. Finally, Pekka Kokkonen of Finland tackled Henny van Berkum of Holland in a cruiser six. The Finn allowed himself to be outboxed for five rounds whilst he waited for an opening. In the last heat, Henny made a slip and Finn slammed over a savage right which dropped the visitor like a dead duck. Up again at "9", the gallant Dutchman tried to evade Kokkonen but the latter soon nabbed his man with another right which spread-eagled him on the canvas. Berkum dragged himself up at "9" and the gong sounded. The verdict went to Berkum but another round would have seen the Finn winner by a knockout.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.** Chato Ramos was declared winner here over the Franco-Portuguese, Jean Dos Santos, in a good lightie ten and a week later, at the same venue, Jose Sauret split the decision with Ben Ali of Morocco in a bantam eight.

▶ **Bologna, Italy.** A fight which should not have taken place was that between Franco Cavicchi and Max Brianto. The latter, a huge Martinique, had disputed some seven or eight bouts against third-raters and although rated a prospect, had no right in the same ring as Cavicchi, a former European champ. He is in search of pushovers in order to get another crack at the title. Brianto had nothing to offer save a mighty frame and the heart of a lion. Cavicchi hit him almost at will and dropped him several times before knocking him out in the ninth round. Umberto Vernaglione was held to a draw by the hard-hitting French welter, Maurice Auzel, over ten, and Walter Sarti drew with Beoni in a lightie eight. Marcello Padovani and Elio Busetto were disqualified during their lightweight bout for lack of combativity. Undefeated Nobile won over Innocenti in a feathers fray and Stagni made his pro debut a success by whipping Ezio Donaggio in a heavyweight six.

▶ **Paris.** Andre Gardeux got the better of Jo Wouusem in a lightie ten at the Central and Armand Vanucci stopped Brunet in the fifth of a welter dispute. At Bordeaux, Jacques Prigent bade farewell to boxing by trouncing promising Jacques Nervi in a good welter ten. In Paris once more, at the Salle Wagram, Abdelkader Azzouz finally established himself as a genuine contestant for title honors by whipping Michel Lamora in a hectic bantam twelve. On the same card, Mohamed Ould made his pro debut, flattening Michel Muller of Roumania in the opening stanza of their feathers affair while Andre Gasperini whipped Meftah in a bantam ten.

▶ **Grosseto, Italy.** Unbeaten both as amateur and professional, Massimo Zanaboni continued his winning way with an easy points win over the Big German, Hanspeter Drabes, 222, over eight rounds. At Padua, Bruno Scarabellin went forward another notch by whipping Giannino Luise, a fairly useful heavy, over eight rounds, and Pappalardo licked Gaudenzio Carutti in a feathers six. At the Principe Theater in Milan, Aldo Brunetti got the nod over Moriggi in a cruiser six; Spano trimmed Lombardo in a flyweight six.

▶ **Blois, France.** Gilbert Chapron has had a fine run among the cruisers, although himself a natural middleweight. However, there are few good cruisers in Europe but in the middles division the competition is very tough. No surprise, then, that Chapron should nearly come unstuck when he ventured to take on wily Michel Diouf in a middles contest. The Cameroon Typhoon refused to be overawed by the elegant boxing skill of Chapron and bashed his way to a split decision after ten hectic rounds. Guericher stopped Bren in the third heat of a feathers dispute. At Chateauroux, Jean Guerrard knocked out Carlo Ferrante in the tenth round of a flyweight furor. In Nice, Imam Abdel Fattah, the Egyptian middles champ, was stopped in four by Lasko.

▶ **Tourcoing, France.** Charles Humez did a bit of barn-storming here when he halted the tough Spaniard, Francisco Frances, in four rounds. "You'll play havoc with Mazzinghi", declared the Spaniard after the fight. But Mazzinghi has now been ordered to retire from boxing by medical advisers, so Humez had better seek comparisons with Gus Scholz. On the same card, which drew 2,000, Joseph Landsheere checked Auguste Canier in the fifth of a cruiser slam. At Marseilles, Alphonse Halimi once more had his limitations shown up by cagey Tanny Campo. The Filipino is an inveterate spoiler and, as in their first meeting, made the World Champion look like a Penny Dreadful. Halimi got the decision by a narrow margin but was booed out of the ring. Gracieux Lamperti continued his forward march by crushing Jose Luis Martinez of Spain in the seventh heat of a feathers debate and Andre Corvasce stopped Peithel in the third round of a lightie larrup.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING DECEMBER —, 1957)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
3. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
4. Wm. Besmanoff (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Bruno Visintin (I)
5. Mino Bozzano (I)	Wim Snoek (H)	Andre Drille (F)	Valere Benedetto (F)
6. Mario De Persio (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Gunter Hase (G)
7. Hans Friedrich (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Leen Jansen (H)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
8. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Sandro D'Ottavio (I)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Fortunato Manca (I)
9. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Uwe Janssen (G)	Francois Anewy (F)	Ben Buker II (S)
10. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Gilbert Chapron (F)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Maurice Auzel (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Lahouri Godih (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Felix Chiocca (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Fred Galiana (S)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Jose Ogazon (S)
5. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Jean Guerrard (F)
6. Bobby Ros (S)	Giordano Campari (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Andre Gasperini (F)
7. Marcello Padovani (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Abdelkader Azzouz (F)	Edgar Basel (G)
8. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Eugene Le Cozannet (F)	Christian Marchand (F)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Louis Poncy (F)	Dante Bini (F)	Henri Schmid (F)
10. Jose Hernandez (S)	Letterio Petilli (I)	Luis Romero (S)	Francisco Carreno (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; F France; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

▶ **Paris.** In a confused, tumbling bout at the Palais des Sports, Germinal Ballarin won a narrow and disputed verdict over crude Italo Scortichini in a middles ten. Scortichini led at first but Ballarin came back, but was warned in the fourth. A ragged battle followed and in the ninth, Ballarin, his eye bleeding, was dropped just before the bell. A draw would have been a fairer decision. In the supporting bouts, Aldo Pravisani chalked up another Parisian success by trouncing Jules Touan on points over ten rounds and in another feathers ten, Letterio Petilli set Jo Ventaja back by licking the K.O. King soundly on points. Fernand Nollet was the only Frenchman to turn the tide of Italian victories by defeating Germano Cavalieri in a good lightie ten.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, Felix Chiocca came back after a long layoff. He needed a warm-up prior to his forthcoming joust with Duilio Loi, reported earlier, and Gerd Muller was offered as sacrificial goat. But the German is a good workman and kept up with the French star for the first six rounds. Chiocca then forged ahead to win over ten rounds. Francis Coeuret knocked six bells out of Dante Lepercq in a heavyweight slam but was ruled out for a low blow in the sixth. At St. Brieuc, there was a minor sensation when Valere Benedetto, French welter champion, was outscored by up and coming Gaston Mathieu, over ten. At the Paris Central, Manuel Sosa trimmed Roger Prigent in a lightweight ten and Luce stopped Sorriaux in the third of a welter scrap. At Lyons, Andre Vairolatto won his third pro bout by icing Marcel Barthel in the second heat of a feathers bout.

▶ **Bergamo, Italy.** The country's two best bantams took on Belgian foemen at a well-attended program here. Piero Rollo won well and truly on points over Alex Bollaert and Mario D'Agata took a short cut by flattening Jean Renard in the seventh. Renard was doing well until the payoff. Fortunato Manca knocked out Consorti in the opening heat of a welter tiff and Girolamo Piu whipped Cogressi in a bantam six. Melis trimmed Guarnieri in a flyweight six.

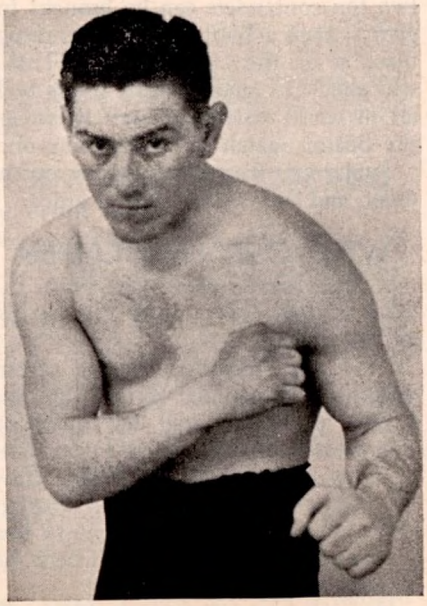
▶ **Brussels, Belgium.** For five years, Kid Dussart had not fought in the Belgium capital. He finally accepted a match outside his native Liege, against Jean Ruellet, and treated the fans to a first-class exhibition of La Boxe. The Kid (a mere 36) completely hypnotized the stocky, aggressive Frenchman and won by the proverbial mile, over ten rounds. Louis van Hoeck drew with Edouard Ptak in a lightie ten. Aime Mathys stopped Brahim Kettani in the sixth of a welter discussion and Le Riguier halted Leurquin, Belgium, in the third of another middles affair.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, breeding-ground of French battlers, the new middles comer, Mahmoud le Noir, showed his tremendous punch once more by stiffening Manuel Martinera in two rounds. Claude Negrel won over Emile Buccelato of Tunisia in a middles ten and Dortignac trimmed Babes in a feathers six. Rafiu King, Nigeria, did very well by stopping Ali Oura in the seventh frame of a lightweight bout.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland.** Michel Auzel helped to clarify the muddled welter line-up by stopping another contender for French honors, Pierre Mondino, in the fourth round at the Pavillon des Sports. Two other French visitors, Michelutti and Thibert, drew in a lightie eight.

▶ **Laon, France.** Almost unassailable in his own balliwick, Gilbert Lavoine confirmed his high rating among French middles by trouncing youthful Michel Masson over ten rounds. At Limoges, Jacques Bro returned to the wars with a four-round kayo over the German veteran, cruiser Hans Strelecki, whilst at Troyes, Cottet won over Louis Domec in a welter ten. Surprise at Coutances where local bantam Roger Cappato was held to a draw by the Spanish champ, Antonio Diaz. At the Paris Stadium, Antoine Martin took just three rounds to stop the Luxemburger, Rene Scheich, in a feathers discussion and Jahier won over Badji in a bantam eight.

▶ **Gothenburg, Sweden.** For the second time this year, Ingemar Johansson emerged from his chrysalis. This was his 18th bout in five years. Whether the Swede can survive this hectic pace we cannot say but it is feared that when he gets into an American ring he may drop dead from old age. His opponent on this occasion was, in fact, an American, Archie McBride, who has met some of the best. The Swedish Lumberjack, also known known as the Signalman from his vigorous feints, had no difficulty in defeating the negro, working away steadily with his left and checking the Yank with that steaming right whenever Archie thought to try some close-quarter stuff. Another Swede celebrating his 18th pro start was Lejf Wadling, but this worthy has taken full seven years to reach that total. He flattened Georges Viel of France in the fourth round of a feathers fray. Other Frenchmen caught colds. Rough and tough Torner Ahsman stopped Renzo Macor in the fifth of a heavyweight maul and Hungary's Lajos Flesser whipped Laplace over six rounds. The program drew a full house, which proves that regular shows could profitably be staged in Sweden during the winter season.



Kid Dussart, veteran of more than twenty years of pro battling, fought for the first time in five years in his native Belgian capital of Brussels and gave a first-class exhibition of boxing as he easily outpointed aggressive Frenchman Jean Ruellet.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** The much-awaited return bout between Charlie "Tombstone" Smith and Giancarlo Garbelli was something of an anti-climax. The "Tombstone" charged forward continually but was unable to nab the shifty Italian with a decisive clout and was outscored by Garbelli's point-winning counters. Artenio Calzavara suffered another moral setback when he was obliged to split the honors with Albert Westphal of Germany, who made the fight and maybe deserved the nod. Westphal, a pocket heavyweight, nearly finished his man off during the fifth. Rocco Mazzola did well to lift the national cruiser title from gallant Sandro D'Ottavio in a good twelve-rounder and Mario Vecchiatto confirmed his standing by trouncing Annibale Omodei in a lightie eight. Gheri Fretzghi earned more than a draw against Francisco Pinto in a welter eight. Ten thousand attended the program at the Sports Palace.

▶ **Biarritz, France.** In a semi-final eliminator, Victor Pepeder scrapped home a close winner over Rene Barriere in a feathers twelve and goes on to meet the winner of the Ventaja-Lamperti fracas. On the same bill, Raoul stopped Sosa in the fifth of a lightie larrup. At Chalons-sur-Marne, Jacques Herbillon was the victor of another eliminator, this for the right to tackle Benedetto for the welter crown. Herbillon won clearly over Michel Francois in a good twelve-rounder.

▶ **Lavis, Italy.** Right in the shadow of the Alps, Uber Bacilieri defended his national heavies title for the second time against Federico Frisco and once more proved himself the better fighter. Although no star, Bacilieri has clung on to that title grimly and this time whipped the younger man soundly. At the Principe Theater in Milan, Ugo Milan won over Scipioni in a bantam eight, and at Alghero, Tore Burruni won clearly over De Witt in a flyweight six and Bruno Striani won over Male II in a lightie six.

▶ **Paris.** At the Stadium, Manuel Sosa stopped Claude Richard in the seventh round of a lightie affair and Armand Vanucci, Corsician welter, checked Baquet in the fourth. At the Salle Wagram, a trio of American invaders made their bow before the French public. Bobby Bell, the star of the team brought over by Jimmy King, ran into a man of the same temperament when he clashed with Andre Valignat and after a desperate feathers ten, the honors were divided. Charley Douglas easily whipped game Jean Santanbien in a lightweight ten and Mohamed Ould chilled Maurice Gustin in the opening frame of their feathers debate.

▶ **Rotterdam, Holland.** Piet van Klaveren kept busy with a useful points win over the experienced North African, Ahcene Attar, in a lightweight ten. It was a good night for Dutch battlers, since Toon Schuurmans got the better of Gerhard Moll and Theun Brommer stopped Lothar Heimann in the eighth, both welter bouts. Jan Verhagen made a successful debut by knocking out Karl Pinsdorf of Germany in the fourth of a lightweight slam.

▶ **Helsinki, Finland.** The fight game is going well here now, and Pentti Hamalainen's move in joining the paid ranks has given the game a much-needed shot in the arm. Hamalainen won his first bout by stopping Jacques Ilari of France in the second round, after dropping his man twice. Risto Luukkonen won over Brahim Keita in a flyweight six, Pentti Rautiainen beat Robert Gillet, who was ruled out in the fifth round for repeated butting. The best bout was between Olavi Ouvinen and Moncef Fehri, who drew in an excellent bantam eight, but the biggest bombs were thrown by Pekka Kokkonen, who knocked out Gino Menozzi of France in the fifth of a cruiser slam. Attendance was 6,500.

▶ **Rome, Italy.** Much is expected of Giulio Rinaldi, local cruiser, but he could only defeat modest Loreto Vari via the points route of six rounds here. Giacche upset Beccaria by winning their lightie eight and Torreggiani I won over Valdrappi, who was ruled out in the third heat of their lightie affair. Silo nodded Aversa in a welter six and Torreggiani II bested Fiore in a welter six.

▶ **St. Brieuc, France.** A case of daylight robbery was reported here when Dante Bini was adjudged to have lost to youthful Eugene Le Cozannet over fifteen rounds and thereby bade farewell to his national bantam title. It was suggested that the ref was overawed by the vociferous public but whatever the reason, France has a new bantam champ. On the same bill, Le Bideau won over Guericher in a bantam six. In Paris, Marcel Signet upset Angel Argimiro by stopping the Spanish lightie in the second round, at the Central, while at the Stadium, Esteban Martin drew with Maurice Watel in a flyweight eight.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland.** The useful Senegalese lightie, Epiphane Akone, a great favorite with Swiss fans, did well to hold Marcello Padovani to a draw in a torrid ten-rounder.

▶ **Vernon, France.** Marcel Pigou, Norman middles hope, bested modest Louis Mourros over ten rounds here. At Soissons, Francois Kania licked Tino Albanese in a cruiser ten and at Auxinle-Chateau, Rene Brunet won over Lapleige in a lightie ten.

▶ **Trieste, Italy.** Aldo Pravisani won a good decision here over Robert Meunier, dour French feather, over ten rounds whilst Nello Barbadoro licked Andre Meraint in another feathers ten. At Cagliari, Antonio Lopez Durban subbed for Jose Martinez against Piero Rollo and suffered the usual fate of substitutes by losing on points in a good bantam ten.

▶ **Bordeaux, France.** Jacques Nervi, Italian welter, fought a great battle against wily Idrissa Dione but hardly deserved the nod, which was handed him after a very even ten-rounder. In Paris, Francois Zucaro won over Roger Menotti in a lightweight eight at the Central, whilst Ceslaw Dudek defeated Luce, who was ruled out in the third round of a welter encounter.

▶ **Pavia, Italy.** Giordano Campari had some uncomfortable moments in his feathers scrap with Tanny Campo here, though finally he wound up with the decision after an extremely close ten-rounder. In two cruiser clashes, Fortilli beat Angelo Grego and Gino Catenazzi outscored Moriggi, both in six rounds while Mino Di Jasio licked Rosti in a lightweight six.

▶ **Berlin, Germany.** Complete results of the big Franco-German gala at the Sports Palace, with Resch and Wohlers facing Sauveur Chiocca and Anewy, have not yet come to hand. Here are the results of the chief supporting bouts. Horst Niche was held to a draw by stylish Jacques Bro in a cruiser eight but Germans scored in two welter bouts, Harry Mistol lacing Claude Lapourielle and Manfred Hass decisioning Rachid Tabti, both over six rounds. Incidentally, we slipped up in last month's report by stating that Gunter Hase was given the verdict over Emilio Marconi at Stuttgart. This was not the case, the result was a draw which much favored the German.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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which were reported by the veteran Minneapolis Sports Editor and numerous other yarns.

In addition, Barton, a man of fine character, a reporter who since 1902 has been identified with every form of athletics, names his all-time ranking of the ten best boxers in each of eight divisions and his all time Minnesota football squad.

Not all of his fine book is devoted to straight material. There is a wealth of humorous experiences and anecdotes dealing with all branches of sports.

BAY STATE COMMISSION TAKES WEIRD VIEW

The Massachusetts State Boxing Commission has quit the NBA.

Through its chairman, Henry Lamar, the Commission announced that its State Rights have been interfered with by the Executive Board of the National Boxing Association in refusing to accept the decision of the Bay State members that the De Marco-Akins bout was for the world welterweight championship.

The Ring disagrees with Lamar. The Executive Board, through its official representative on the World Boxing Championship Committee, Anthony Petronella, of Rhode Island, and further confirmation by its president, agreed to accept an elimination tournament as the proper means for deciding the successor to the throne vacated by Carmen Basilio.

On the face of things, it certainly doesn't appear that the Massachusetts Commission was "pilloried", or that State's Rights were infringed. Lamar originally voted at the Directors' meeting of the NBA for an elimination series should Basilio give up his welter title.

The N.B.A. hasn't ignored the Bay State commission. In fact, it did its utmost to keep peace in the family by requesting that Lamar and his colleagues abide by the decision made by their organization in which Massachusetts had a part.

Calling a bout a title affair when only one of the contestants is accepted as top contender and offering such a bout to the public when the top two are up for consideration is a hoax. Had Akins been internationally rated among the leading two by all who rank the boxers, instead of Number Six, his bout with De Marco, who was universally accepted as the leading contender, conceivably would have received recognition as a title bout to decide Basilio's successor. But under the circumstances it was no more than an eliminator and Lamar should have ordered it as such.

Whenever a title is vacant, if the two top contenders can be brought together, such a bout invariably is recognized as for the vacant throne. That's why the NBA, and all other ruling bodies in world boxing, refused to accept the Boston match as the deciding one.

Lamar and his associates were out of order, and they still are out of order.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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lesser of two evils, young Pietron got off the ship.

At 17 he started his boxing career, weighing 270 pounds. By 1953 he was a state champion, and the following year he was ranked fifth in Poland. In 1955, as a member of the Polish Army and the nation's second-ranked amateur heavyweight, Piertron was sent to box in Bulgaria and Germany, where he made his escape to the West.

His ring record now includes 50 knockouts and 35 victories by decision. He has lost 16 fights, but has never been knocked out. Under Polish amateur rules, his fights were limited to three rounds.

As a boxer, Pietron was comparatively well treated in the Polish Army, drawing extra pay and pass privileges. For the others, he recalls, army life meant 16 or more hours a day of floor-scrubbing details. A private's pay could buy two packs of Polish cigarettes.

WINNING GAMBLES

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intention of dodging the issue, but his price was high. For a while the bout seemed set for Vancouver, but failed to materialize.

A WINNING GAMBLE.

Again disappointed but still not discouraged, Welsh interested Charles B. Cochran, prominent London theatrical producer and boxing promoter, in going after the bout. Freddie was willing to gamble with Cochran. After Ritchie was paid and all operating costs deducted, Welsh would split the profits, if any, with the promoter.

There were no profits. Ritchie was guaranteed $25,000 for the bout and $1,500 for expenses. The date was July 7, 1914, and with ominous clouds settling over Europe and World War I on the verge of exploding, the British public was too worried about more important problems than a championship prizefight. The turnout was disappointing, only 8,000 customers contributing receipts of $21,000. It was estimated that Cochran lost $10,000 on the promotion, Welsh not only fought for nothing but actually was out $500 for training expenses.

It proved to be a good gamble on Freddie's part, however. Britain's leading referee, Eugene Corri, officiated, and at the end of the twentieth round he had Welsh winning by one point.

Freddie was an industrious campaigner during the slightly less than three years he held the title. He crowded fifty bouts into that span—most of them no-decision affairs prevalent in that era—and while paydays usually were not too impressive, they were often, and Welsh did well enough to purchase a $40,000 estate in Chatham, N. J., and convert it into a health farm when his ring career ended.

THE FIGHTING De JOHNS

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boxing skill and punch.

"Where have you seen that lately. Maybe he's not ready for Patterson, but he will be and soon. But he'll take the rest. I'm not prejudiced, either.

"And if Joey comes back, he could still be the best middleweight in the country—after Carmen, of course. Joey never took any bad lickings and is the best puncher the middleweights have known in the past ten years. There, I don't exclude Carmen."

The fighting DeJohns are doing pretty well, at that.

FROM TOKYO
By F. N. Miike

SADAO YAOITA KNOCKED DOWN MASAJI IWAMOTO TWICE TO BECOME the new Japan flyweight king, and Koji Ishibashi beat Saburo Otaki decisively to retain his Japan bantamweight crown in two title fights the same night at Ryogoku Kokugikan Arena in Tokyo.

Yaoita, No. 1 on the challenger's list heretofore, dumped Iwamoto in the first round with a left hook to the body for a 3-count, and again in the third round with a right hook for a no-count.

Southpaw Iwamoto, world ranked and who was heavily favored to win, couldn't get his sights set on the shifty and speedy foe. Yaoita threw caution to the wind and outpunched Iwamoto.

Only 22 years old Yaoita now holds two wins over world-ranked fighters, this one over Iwamoto and the first over Hitoshi Misako. He said he aims to take on Pone Kingpetch of Thailand, another world ranked flyweight, as soon as the fight can be arranged.

Yaoita weighed 110⅞ pounds, Iwamoto 111⅝ pounds.

▶ Hiroshi Okawa knocked out Thailand's Omsap Laemphafa in the ninth of a scheduled 12-round fight that was declared a non-title affair after Omsap failed to make the required lightweight limit.

It was the first time a fighter had failed to make the weight in a title bout since the Orient Boxing Federation was formed five years ago by Nat Fleischer.

▶ Kenji Fukuchi had an easy time in winning a non-title six-round bout from Teruo Nagahusa at Asakusa Public Hall in Tokyo.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
by Hugh Sutton

Boise, Idaho: Jimmie Martinez, the most traveled fighter in the business, beat Dick Lane in a very close ten-rounder. Martinez has fought in Boise three times and this was the nearest he ever came to losing a fight in the area.

It only took Dale Manz, 151, four rounds to eradicate Kenny Willis, 157. Manz makes you think of Max Baer—not his punching power but he likes to clown a lot.

Glenn Burgess, 149, Meridian, Idaho, cooled Charles Perkins, 142, Richmond, Calif., in the fourth round.

It took Elmo Henderson, 154, Richmond, just :50 to put Joe Sedello, 160, Twin Falls, Idaho in the horizontal position.

Gene Turley, 159, Twin Falls, Idaho scored a unanimous decision over Doug Garret, 150.

George Logan, 198, Boise, managed to hack out a draw with Lawrence Williams, 194.

SOUTHERN COLORADO BOXING

By Alan Laythorpe

COLORADO SPRINGS: Professional boxing made a comeback in Colorado Springs, for the first time in over 20 years but even with the added attraction of a world champion to referee some of the bouts the show, promoted by the Colorado Springs Boxing Club with Sam Pagano as matchmaker, was a financial flop.

Only 800 fans showed up at the City Auditorium to watch Don Alderson, 143½, and Ray Terrazas, 142, fight an interesting 10-rounder with Terrazas winning a close but unanimous decision.

World middleweight champion Carmen Basilio refereed one of the bouts and received a tremendous round of applause from the small gathering.

Terrazas made his jabbing adversary fight a close quarters battle all the way. Lost the final round but used his short jolting hooks and uppercuts to catch to judges eye.

One judge scored everyone round for Terrazas, 50-42, while the other arbiter saw it close at 47-46. The referee tabbed Terrazas, 47-45.

In the Basilio six-rounder, Santiago Esteban of Walsenburg, Colo., won an easy decision over Irish Howard Millsap, 130, from Lubbock, Texas.

In the show stealer Benny Montoya, 139½, Pueblo survived a rocky first round to whip Denver's Paul Smith, 136, in a six-rounder.

Andy Maes, 155, bloodied Jesse Poole's right eye while hammering out a solid victory in the opening four-rounder. Poole is from Salt Lake City.

▶PUEBLO: Promoter Sam Pagano held his first boxing card here and the 1300 fans enjoyed a dandy 10-rounder between Don Alderson, 143, from Canonsburg, Pa., and Jake Sanchez, 142, of Denver.

Sanchez, a hot local favorite, was awarded a split decision over the fast stepping Alderson. However to this scribe it looked like Alderson did enough with his lightning jabs and fancy flurries to win the fight.

In the eight round semi-final Alonzo Johnson, 181, Pittsburgh, Pa. decisioned ringwise Matt Jackson of Fort Carson.

Johnson's stablemate, Curtis Coles, 156, stopped Kid Jenkins, Dallas, 155, in the third. Richie Rhodes, 147, Denver climbed off the deck in the first round to flatten Jake Williams of Fort Carson with a booming right to the body in the fifth heat.

Benny Montoya belted out Harvey Levinson in the second round.

CLEVELAND NEWS

By Harold Walsh

WITH THE CLEVELAND NEWS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW over all boxing in this area centers on the Cleveland Plain Dealer's annual Golden Gloves tournament, with bouts being staged in Youngstown, Akron and Canton, the winners competing with the Cleveland entries.

▶Gaspar Ortega was defeated in twelve rounds by Isaac Logart. In the other feature bout Cecil Shorts of Cleveland won over Larry Boardman of Boston in ten rounds. In eight-round bouts Solomon Boysaw decisioned Lulu Perez, Ernie Buford won over Wilf Greaves and Tony Hughes outpointed Bob O'Brien.

▶Mrs. Irene Kilbane, widow of Johnny Kilbane, died recently here. Al Corbett and Phil Goldstein are both city employees here.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY

By Al Fenn

ON PROMOTER MIKE QUIHUIS' boxing Card at Tucson, Texas' top welterweight fighter, Gilbert Holguin, 146, of El Paso made quick work of the Arizona champ, Al Barraza, 144, Glendale in the main event. Barraza went down via a right to the chin in the first, and three more times in the second for a TKO loss.

Luis Sanchep, 123, El Paso won a decision over Danny Valdez, 121, Los Angeles, in six. In four's, Jesse Fernandez, 128, Los Angeles, won over Cosme Rodriquez, 125, El Paso; Ramon Rodriquez, 127, El Paso, defeated Steve Garcia, 131, Los Angeles; and Nat Ish, 162, Phoenix, out-punched Kid Zacatecas, 164, Nogales. Mike is doing a good job of promoting, and plans to go twice monthly.

▶OVER PHOENIX WAY, wiry Jimmy Shans, who hasn't fought since 1950, gave 13 years in age, and eight pounds in heft, but giving youth was too much, as Bobby (Babe) Ortiz, 147, Avondale, won a decision in 10, at Phoenix Madison Square Garden. Jay Edson had Ortiz the winner 49-48, Nick Lee and Ornott Duncan had it 50-43.

Manuel Elias, 119, found Alfonzo Mendoza, 120, a rough customer before stopping him in the fifth round. Collier Cox, 123, Phoenix, decisioned Milton Jones, 126, in six, and Greg Carrejo, 134, Phoenix, whipped Sherman Liggins, 130, in another six. Promoter Paul Clinite also plans regular shows during 1958.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Lenny Myers

THE CHICAGO BOXING SCENE WILL BE A BEEHIVE FOR activity starting with January 14th, when the International Boxing Club will begin a series of weekly boxing shows. They will alternate weekly at the Midwest Gym and Joe Louis Club. The Chicago Stadium matchmaker, Ben Bentley, will act as matchmaker for both small clubs. James D. Norris, president of the club, is doing this in an effoft to develop young fighters to take the place of the top-notchers who will have to step down in the future. In this way the fans who view boxing over nation-wide television will see new faces as the new fighters are developed.

Youngsters who have shown much promise are Ernest Terrell, heavyweight; Carlo Sarlo, welterweight; Joe Hemphill, heavyweight; Eddie Simms, middleweight; and Rudy Ellis, middleweight.

▶Clarence Hinnant and Yolande Pompey boxed to an action packed ten round draw at the Chicago Stadium. The bout a featured attraction presented over nation-wide television by the IBC, was an interesting one. Hinnant boxed superbly at long range and Pompey slugged it out at close range. The outcome, a draw, met with the approval of the fans as both boys put their hearts into the fight. There were no knockdowns.

▶All three of the gymnasiums are operating at full blast here in the Windy City. The Midwest Gym is under the direction of Nessie Blumenthal, veteran boxing manager from way back. The Joe Louis Club is managed by Larry Amadee, a top trainer of champions, and the Johnny Coulon Club is under the direction of the former bantamweight champion of the world, Johnny Coulon. All three clubs are very popular and draw many enthusiasts into the swat shops daily. The Illinois Athletic Commission will have the same officers for the next three years. They are: Frank Gilmer, Chairman, Lou Radzienda, commissioner, and Eddie Kolski, secretary. Art Winch, former manager of Barney Ross and Tony Zale, is the chief inspector of the group. For any information on boxing in Chicago contact this writer at: 1761 Howard street, Chicago 26, Ill.

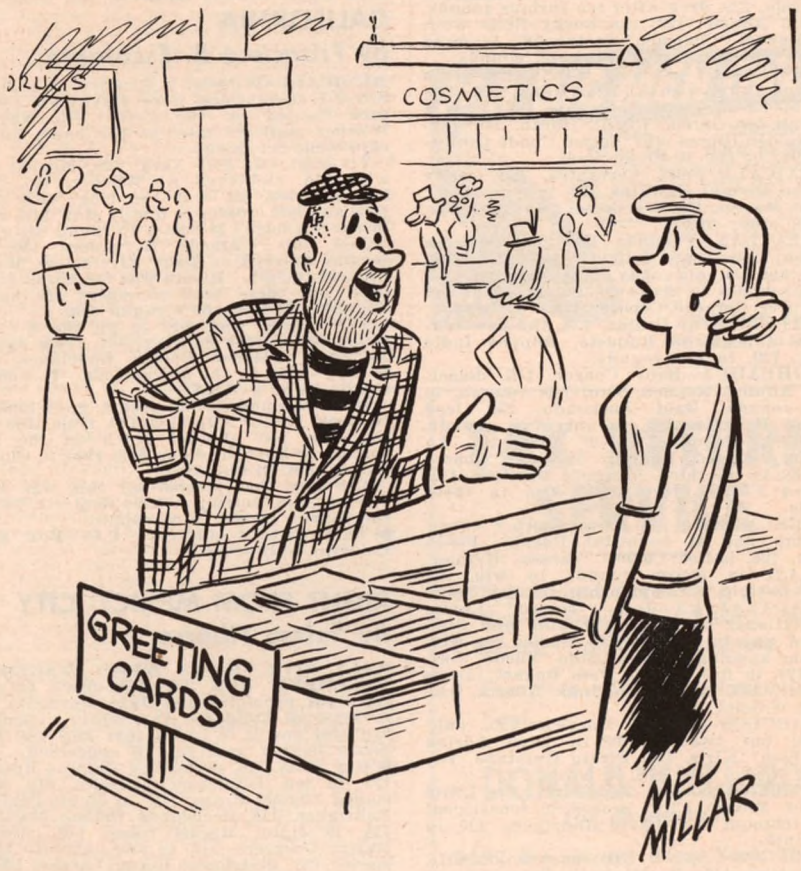
BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan Copeland

PANAMA CITY: JESUS SANTAMARIA, 126, BECAME THE INTERIM FEATHERWEIGHT champion of Panama by pounding out a fifteen round verdict over the veteran Sammy Medina. 123¼. Although Jesus won by a wide margin the crowd gave all the cheers to the veteran Medina who made a game stand in the face of numerous barrages of blows.

Roberto Murillo came off the deck in the second round to gain a unanimous six round decision over Tito Marshall. Both boys scaled 125½. Lorenzo Samuels, 115½, decked Sonny McKay, 117½, three times and halted him in the first round. For Samuels, former amateur flyweight champion, it was his pro debut. German Fenge, 125½, opened the show by beating Juan Chacon, 132¼, in four rounds. The show promoted by the Torres Brothers drew $1,800.

▶Panama City: Horacio Otis, 131, defended his recently won Panama lightweight title against Enrique Perea, 133, and stopped his man in the eighth round. Otis had halted Perea in ten rounds to win the vacant crown after a hard fight. This time the champ led all the way. Vicente Worrell, 126, halted Arturo Smith, 125½, in the fourth. Jose Rivas, 124¼, kayoed Salvador Molina, 123¾, in the third and Fidel Morris, 123½, took the unanimous nod over Jose Felix, 119, in the opening four. This fight, also promoted by the Torres Brothers, drew a small gate of $399.



"I HAVE YOU GOTTA CARD THAT SAYS 'SORRY I BROKE YOUR JAW, MIKE'?"

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

NO BOXING SHOWS WERE STAGED IN LA LAGUNA DURING the last month of the year. However, Marcelo Vargas demolished tough veteran Beto Carbajal, finishing the Yucatan boy in the last round of a scheduled 10-main event in Mexico City.

▶ OBREGON—Carlos Loyola, 130, got the 10-round duke over Tony Corrales, 131. A real "bam-bam" fight.

▶ ZACATECAS—It seems that Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 122, son of famous Ricardo, former National bantamweight champ, has lost his winning ways. Junior was humiliated by Rudy Corona, 125, in a tener.

▶ CHIHUAHUA—Raul Anchondo, 133, who is a tiger in his town, scored another kayo triumph over Henry Jiminez, 136, in the seventh.

▶ HUIXTLA—Mike Diaz, 123, halted Bobby Charles, 121, in three. Baby Solis, 118, bested SanLorenzo Kid, 117, in eight. Juan Zurita, 117, not the former NBA World lightweight champ, decisioned Relampago Tapachulteco, 118, in a 6-rounder.

▶ MATAMOROS—Gallito Reyes, 122, defeated Kid Aztequita, 126, in ten. Joe Barcenas, 135, nailed Juan "Chico" Reyes, 136 in the third.

▶ GUADALAJARA—Apolinar Huerta, 143, stopped Jesus Celes, 141, in six. This Huerta man started as a bantam and now is fighting as a welter.

▶ PUEBLA—The fans got a championship match between Roberto Ortega, 133, and Sergio Contreras, 135. The winner, by decision after 12 rounds, was Ortega, who is the new lightweight champ of Puebla. Silvestre Villarreal, 130, bested Ray Rivero, 130, in six, after Clemente Gamboa, 118, and Alberto Sosa, 119, had a 6-round draw.

▶ DURANGO—Hector Garcia, 133, and Julio Escobedo, 129, drew after ten furious rounds. Claudio Adame, 120, the husky little wolf, iced Manuel "Chamaco" Castro, 137, in seven rounds, though giving away 17 pounds.

▶ MONTERREY—Roberto Garcia, 128, got a 10-round draw with Chucho Mejia, 125. The fans booed the verdict because they saw a triumph for Garcia. Chalio Duran, 146, former Golden Gloves star, bested Conde Gutierrez, 148, in the 10-round semi.

▶ MEXICALI—Felix Cervantes, 120, easily handled Dwight Hawkins, 123, in ten rounds. Jimmy Mosser, 122, decisioned Chucho Ochoa, 125, in other tener.

▶ MAZATLAN—Facundo Martinez, 120, La Laguna newcomer, fought his first main event and he did okay. The youngster, a real 8-rounder in his town, got the 10-round duke over Gerardo Cepeda, 118.

▶ ACAPULCO—Al Urbina, 128, the new sensation of beautiful Roqueta, stopped Indio Conde, 129, in five rounds.

▶ CHIHUAHUA—Baby Concer, 145, demolished Alfonso Rendon Soto, 149, veteran, in four rounds. Raul Anchondo, 132, iced Chango Palacios, 135, in only two rounds.

▶ ACUNA—Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 137, La Laguna, kayoed Roberto Moreno "Charro II", 138, in the third. Kanguro Martinez, 141, stopped Chino Flores, 144, also in three rounds.

▶ PUEBLA—Here you have another championship one at beautiful Puebla. Pedro Rocha, 126, halted Carlos "Tarzan' Hernandez, 125, in eleven rounds to win the Featherweight Championship of the State.

▶ GUADALAJARA—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 120, National bantamweight king and high ranked man in THE RING, started his winter tour kayoing veteran Otilio "Zurdo" Galvan, 123, in five rounds. Jess Bogart (Jesus Rangel), 143, nailed Apolinar Huerta, 145, in the seventh.

▶ ACAPULCO—Hilario Morales, 125, only needed but two rounds to kayo Adrian "BomBom" Kiriz, 126. Efrain Quintana, 118, halted Negro Vela, 116, in seven.

▶ MONTERREY—Joe Medel, 117, the Little One of Mexico City, scored a sensational kayo triumph over David Rodriguez, 120, in the ninth.

▶ OBREGON—Arnold Hill (or Arnoldo Gil), 147, bested Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 146, in ten rounds. Al Mendoza, 125, stopped Mickey Rabago, 128, in 2.

▶ MEXICALI—Filiberto "Fili" Nava, 125, put the red light to Al Wilcher, 123, in the fifth. Caracol Hernandez, 121, kayoed Babe Rivera, 119, in seven.

▶ ACUNA—Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 127, was too much for Chuy de Anda, 132. Chino finished his foe in seven. Chino Castillo, 143, bested Daladier Urista, 145, in the 10-round semi.

▶ OBREGON—Ray Ruiz, 117, clever as always, bested Javier Garfias, 119, in ten fast rounds. Al Mendoza, 128, stopped Eddie Rivera, 130, in five.

▶ MONTERREY—Battling Torres, 129, got a very valuable 10-round duke over rough willing-mixer Angel Guerrero, 127. David Camacho, 131, stopped Borrado Flores, 135, in five rounds.

▶ TENANCINGO—The Big Show is here. Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 119, high ranked man, kayoed unknown Babe Laredo, 123, in three rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO—Chalio Duran, 147, outpointed Billy Greaves, 146, Barbados Islands, in ten rounds. Roberto Lagunes, 125, bested Toro Padilla, 123, in eight. Jose Hernandez, 148, nailed Oscar Lozano, 149, in two rounds.

▶ MORELIA—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, National bantamweight champ, continued his tour. Jose, weighing 119, smashed Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 117, in the second round. "I need extra money"—says Toluco—"And I'm a professional prizefighter. So, what is wrong about that?" The Champ fought 3 times in a week: Guadalajara, Tenancingo and Morelia. In the 10-round semi, Roberto Pinon, 129, bested Nacho Kid, 130.

▶ MEXICALI—Ezequiel "Chicles" Uribe, 135, was too wise for youngster Raul Fuentes, 133. The Chicle Boy got the duke after ten rounds. Ruso Rodriguez, 122, stopped Caracol Hernandez, 121, in the fifth.

▶ OBREGON—Rudy Corona, 120, had a picnic with Babe Guzman, 119. A one-round picnic, in fact.

▶ TAMPICO—Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 144, the welterweight champion of Mexico, easily handled Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 147, official challenger, in twelve rounds. The match was for the National crown. Roberto Pena, 136, and Luciano Gonzalez, 138, drew in the 10-round semi. Memo Baltazares, 126, iced Babe Zarate, 125, in the sixth.

NOTES FROM BAJA CALIFORNIA

By Francisco B. Escalante

MEXICALI—Without a question of a doubt, S-O-C-K quotations were very high on the card headed by the Lefty Fili Nava-Al Wilcher main as none of the bouts on the card went the distance.

To start off, Fili Nava, 120, Mexico City whiz kid, clobbered Al Wilcher, 120, from Los Angeles, all over the ring with right jabs and left crosses to finally stow him away in the 8th heat. It was a 10 round setto.

Jose Luis "Caracol" Hernandez, 130, Ensenada, finished off Baby Rivera, 130, Mexico City, in the 6th. Rivera was far ahead at the time, but these hard thumpers are unpredictable. It was the 8 round semi.

The special was due to go the 8 round route, but Javier Sanchez, 154, from Jalapa, Veracruz, blasted Bobby Rodrigues, 150, Sonora—silly in the 3rd episode. It went in the books as a T.K.O.

In the 6 round second prelim, good-looking, cleancut Hector Agundez, 120, from this cotton city, put another notch on the K.O. column of his belt, doing just that to Chuchu Garcia, 126, in the third.

The guy that started all this was Elias Fuentes, 148, putting Arturo Renteria, 145, on the canvas in the third round.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

ONLY FIVE SHOWS WERE STAGED IN DECEMBER DUE TO difficulties between the local promoter and fight managers and to seasonal holidays. Apparently difficulties are over and it is hoped that 1958 will be a better boxing year for all concerned.

▶ Ray Ruiz, 116, decisioned Chiquis Rosales, 115, in ten. Guillermo Gonzalez, 119, decisioned Manuel Rojas, 118, in eight. Papelero Rodriguez, 118, decisioned Delfino Martinez, 114, in eight. Miguel Ulloa, 110, stopped Martin Guerrero, 115, in two. Arnulfo Palomares, 123, decisioned Raton Vargas, 120, in four.

▶ Kid Leoncito, 135, decisioned Al Urbina, 132, in ten. Pedro "Vaselinas" Moreno, 132, decisioned Humberto Vilchis, 131, in eight. Carlos Loyola, 133, decisioned Tony Villa, 136, in eight. Alex Jimenez, 114, decisioned Ernesto Quevedo, 120, in six. Julio Martinez, 119, decisioned Angel Sandoval, 115, in four, by disqualification.

▶ Marcelo Vargas, 138, stopped Beto Carbajal, 130, in the tenth and last round. Jose Campos, 137, stopped Chino Rodriguez, 135, in three. Isidro Barranco, 127, stopped Arnulfo Palomares, 125, in three. Cuervo Salinas, 114, decisioned Pulgarcito Gutierrez, 113, in six. Arturo Salazar, 123, stopped Ricardo Vergara, 125, in two.

▶ Julio Escobedo, 132, stopped Beto Gonzalez, 133, in nine. Cachorro Meza, 127, stopped Emilio Olivares, 125, in seven. Tono Coria, 127, stopped Hector Ramirez, 125, in six. Roman Perez, 134, decisioned Esteban Flores, 135, in six. Pedro Araujo, 133, decisioned Antonio "Pelon" Ibarra, 135, in four.

▶ Chuy Rodriguez, 114, decisioned Roque Fernardez, 119, in ten. Eloy Sanchez, 118, decisioned Chiquis Rosales, 115, in ten. Delfino Martinez, 113, decisioned Nando Carbajal, 108, in eight. Monito Luna, 112, decisioned Alfonso Palma, 108, in six. Max Huerta, 118, decisioned Gallito Segundo, 119, in four.

Nineteen hundred fifty-seven is gone and the writer of this column sincerely wishes a Happy New Year to the readers of THE RING.

BOXING IN YUCATAN

By Eduardo Amer Gonzalez

MERIDA: Manuel Ravell, 146, decisioned Hernan "Zurdo" Gonzalez, 145, after six rounds. Antonio "Zorro" Franco, 110, bested Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sanchez, 118, also in six, in a Benefit Boxing Show to help Cesar "Borracho" Morales, who is going blind due to his fights in Florida.

▶ CIUDAD JUAREZ: Victor Manuel Quijano, Mexican featherweight champ and rated 10th by THE RING, won a ten round unanimous decision over Gil Cadilli in a very good fight.

▶ CAMPECHE: Negrito Medina, 119, TKO'd Gordo Orozco, 120, in four rounds. Jorge Correa, 112, of Yucatan, outscored Torito de Campeche, 115, after eight.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES.—IN THE RING OF LUNA PARK, THE defeated lightweight, Osvaldo Canete, kayoed Juan Carlos Ayala in the second round.—Gross receipts: $72,148.

▶ CORDOBA.—The local feather champion Vivente Vezzoni drew in an intensely disputed contest with Humberto Novoa in 10 rounds.

▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In "Babilonia Stadium", the undefeated bantam champion of Castamarca, "Cachin" Diaz, now in the feather division, won in 10 rounds over Guillermo Mendoza. Hermenehildo Aguirre kayoed Juan Carlos Molina in nine and welterweight Ramon Leal stopped Miguel Zalazar in seven.

▶ SAN JUAN.—In the lightweight division, Elio Ripoll and Transito Villagra, drew in 10 rounds.—Receipts were $23,210.

▶ BAHIA BLANCA.—Juan Tassara, welterweight won in 10 on points over Federico Guerra in a hard fought contest.

▶ MAR DEL PLATA.—Jose Georgetti, the heavyweight representative of Argentine in the Olympic Games at Melbourne, in his first professional fight, kayoed Martin Nunez in the first round.

▶ QUILMES.—The undefeated lightweight Pedro Benelli won the 10 rounds decision over Osvaldo Paredes.—Receipts: $21,100.

▶ BANFIELD.—The Argentine and South American bantamweight champion, Roberto Castro, won the decision in 10 rounds over Roberto Nunez.—His opponent received a severe lacing.

▶ BAHIA BLANCA.—The undefeated welterweight Ramon Paz kayoed Francisco Seron in the second round.

▶ LA PLATA.—The ex-champion in the welter division, Cirilo Gil won on points in 10 rounds over Arturo Gonzalez.—Receipts: $46,500, record in this city.

▶ BUENOS AIRES.—The world flyweight champion Pascual Perez, kayoed Young Martin of Spain in three rounds in a title bout.—Martin was a hard rival in the two first rounds, but in the third, Perez connected with a punch that finished him. Attendance: 40,000 and the receipts, $1,348,000.—For movies: $500,000 and $350,000 for radio.—No television.—Pascual Perez received $1,500,000 and Young Martin $6,000 dollars.—At the ring of football Stadium BOCA JUNIORS.

▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In the same night in Luna Park, Ricardo Gonzalez (Gonzalito) won the South American featherweight title over the Chilean Roberto Lobos, stopping him in 13th round. Receipts: $292.420.

▶ MAR DEL PLATA.—The Argentine and South American middle champion Andres Selpa in a title bout kayoed "challenger" Tito Yanni in the seventh round.—Receipts: $130,000.

▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In the ring of "Luna Park" Pedro Miranda won the decision over Oscar Cadenas. They are featherweights.

▶ ROSARIO.—The ex-feather champion Alfredo Bunetta won points in 10 rounds over the Cordoba champion Vicente Vezzoni.

▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In "Babilonia" Stadium the feather Terencio Gutierrez drew with Ildefonso Aguilera and Ramon Gomez, a lightweight, drew with Raul Repollo.
▶ "NANDU CLUB".—The bantam weight champion Roberto Castro kayoed Isidro Pesoa of Paraguay in the fourth. (Non title).
▶ BUENOS AIRES.—Raul Vargas won the verdict of the judge in his fight with Manolo Garcia of Spain. Receipts: $143.274.
▶ CORDOBA.—Silvio Frias was stopped in the seventh by Alfredo Paz.
▶ SAN JUAN.—The undefeated lightheavyweight Arturo Tejada won on points in 10 rounds over Alberto Benassi.

The great prospect in the bantam weight division, Ernesto Miranda, kayoed Raul Jaime in five.
▶ BANFIELD.—Ex-feather champion Manuel Alvarez kayoed Juan Carlos Ayala in three and "Remolino" Romano won the 10 rounds decision over Angel Gregorutti.
▶ CORDOBA.—A good prospect in the feather division, and undefeated, Nildo Peralta won the 10 rounds decision over Humberto Novoa.
▶ QUILMES.—The middleweight undefeated prospect Victor Zalazar, a representative in Melbourne at the Olympic Games, kayoed Oscar Montes in second round.
▶ LA PLATA.—Welterweight Jorge Fernandez kayoed Alberto Rodriguez in four.
▶ VILLA PIAGGIO.—Ubaldo Sacco, who is managed for Ignacio Ara, another time in great midde of Spain, won the decision in 10 rounds over Esteban Caprani.
▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In the ring of Luna Park the Spanish lightweight Fred Galiana in a match with the Argentine champion Jaime Gine drew in ten rounds.
▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In the "Babilonia" Stadium, the Argentine and South American welter champion Martiniano Pereyra, kayoed Miguel Zalazar in three.
▶ CLUB ESPERANZA.—The Argentine and South American bantam weight champion, Roberto Castro, won the 10 rounds decision over Roberto Nunez.
▶ QUILMES.—Alberto Billaflor was stopped in the second round by Jorge J. Fernandez.
▶ LA PLATA.—Julio Camino, middleweight, drew with Ubaldo Sacco in 10 rounds; Alberto Marchione stopped Martin Nunez.
▶ MAR DEL PLATA.—Antonio Cueves won the decision in 10 rounds over Americo Cordoba.
▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In the last bout of 1957 in Luna Park, Alfredo Bunetta, ex-featherweight champion of Argentina, won in 10 rounds in a hard bout over Amorindo Amicuzzi.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

CORPUS CHRISTI, COASTAL BEND BOXING CLUB:—The Coastal Bend Boxing Club staged a whale of a fight card, three ten round bouts altogether, each of which featured a hometown product. Oscar Ortegon, 133, Corpus Christi, resumed his winning ways by stopping Gil Tapia, 133, San Antonio, in the ninth round. Maxie Trero, 134, Corpus Christi, a good boxer with an explosive pair of fists dished out plenty of punishment to Frankie Corpus, 138, Austin, in capturing a unanimous ten round decision. In the third ten, former State bantamweight king, Rudy Valdez, 124, Corpus Christi, made his usual fine showing by boxing his way to a ten round victory over capable little Frankie Duran, 120, Austin.
▶ Brownsville, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:—Ramon Ruenes is the latest to try his hand at staging fights, and his card brought boxing back to the border city of Brownsville for the first time in months. In the main go, Gerardo Isaba, 118, pounded out a ten round win over Jesus Cuevas, 114. Monico Garza, 124, won an eight rounder from Gustavo Carrera, 125, and Francisco Ortiz, 109, iced Jose Verchines, 110, in the second round.
▶ Houston, Texas Boxing Enterprises:—Houston's only show in December featured world's ranking featherweight Paul Jorgensen against Gabriel "Gaby" Paliotti of Montreal, Canada. Paliotti kept flicking out his left hand, backing away, and occasionally shooting out a right hand lead, but Jorgy was after him from the opening bell. Early in the fourth Paliotti was dropped for nine, he arose but only to run into a series of smashing body blows, Jorgy shifted to the head, and the Canadian dropped in a neutral corner. The ref saw that Paliotti was in grave distress, his face contorted with pain, and wisely intervened. Jorgy looked trim and vicious at 127, Paliotti came in at 124.

Dale Davis, 148, Senath, Missouri, boxed his way to a six round win over the experienced Pete Washington, 148, Chicago. Jimmy Leach 147½, Daytona Beach, fresh from a great ten round battle with Clarence Cook in Louisiana only a week before, was simply too much for young Vernon Franks, 147½, Houston, in one of the feature sixes. Norris Burse, 162½, Robstown, truly one of the Lone Star State's outstanding middleweights, nailed Harold Redman, 160, Beaumont, with a powerful left hook, followed with a smashing right cross, and that was it for the evening after but two minutes of the first round had elapsed. Ray Gonzales, 138, Del Rio, stopped a game Will Estes, 142, Houston, in the fifth round of an exciting brawl.
▶ Brownsville, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:—Fidel Hernandez, 130, applied the crusher to Miguel Juarez, 125, in round two, and that was it. Abel Pena, 118, hammered out an eight round victory over Aurelio Reyna, 115, in a good bout. Antonio Barcenaz, 116, decisioned Pedro Rivera, 115, in six rounds. Francisco Ortiz, 115, stopped Felipe Silva Garcia, 117, in the second round.
▶ Corpus Christi, Coastal Bend Boxing Club:—Maxie Trero and Oscar Ortegon met in a local grudge battle, and Trero was the winner by virtue of a third round tkayo. Ortegon had taken a pummeling at the hands of the sharpshooting ex seaman, and when he received an injury to an eye, that was it for the night. Trero scaled 132, Ortegon, 133. In the semi-final, Jimmy Leach, 147, Daytona Beach, apparently had the better of Mike Coronado, 145, Corpus Christi, in a riotious six round slugfest, but had to settle for a draw in the night's best bout. Ernest Davis, 145, Corpus Christi, was simply too big for young Earl Warren, 140, Meridian, Miss., and brought a tremendous right hand from the floor to halt the 18 year old blonde toughie who never had an amateur fight but hundreds of the street variety. It was a savage pier six brawl while it lasted. Johnny Ward, 172, the veteran Corpus Christi cutey, clowned through the opening frame, then went to work and knocked out his opponent, Roosevelt Taylor, 165, in the second round of the curtain raiser.
▶ San Antonio, Jimmy Scaramozi, Promoter:—In one of the best fights seen in the Alamo City for some time Manuel "Rocky" Caballero, 155, Austin, decisioned youthful Mickey Brown, 159, Houston, in a 12 round contest to become the new State middleweight champion. The young Houston slugger was decked for nine in the opening round, but weathered the storm, and was never floored again after that. The decision of the judges and referee was unanimous in favor of Caballero but all three had it tabbed close.

Al Juegens, 156, San Antonio, former State lightweight and welterweight champion, hit the comeback trail and scored a fourth round knockout over tough Lupe Albarado, 155, Austin. Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 169, Los Angeles, stopped Eloy Tellez Vann, 166, San Antonio, in the seventh round. Abelardo Varela, 142, San Antonio, stopped Ray Duran, 146, Austin, in the first round. Ray Chavarria, 161, San Antonio, decisioned lanky Ted Daley, 163, Houston, in a four.
▶ Tyler, Earl Gilliam, Promoter:—Before a near capacity crowd Reagan "Buddy" Turman turned loose all of his pent up fury and literally bombed Oscar Pharo out of the picture in the first round. Pharo, the big and experienced heavyweight out of Birmingham, had inflicted one of the three defeats on the otherwise spotless record owned by the Tyler thumper and it was apparent he was out for revenge. Tyler's sensational white heavyweight weighed 183, while Pharo tipped the beam at an even 200.

Dale Davis, 147, Senath, Missouri, continues to sparkle, and this time flattened Lawrence Mitchell, 150, Tyler, in the third round of the semi-final. Al McCoy, 165, decisioned Lee R. Failes, 173, in a six round contest. Garland Randall, 140, whipped Henry Watson, 140, four rounds. Roy Copeland, 168, stopped Willie Morris, 175, in the second.
▶ Brownsville, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:—Gerardo Isaba, 123, came back to Brownsville and won his second main event, this time he was a ten round winner over Monico Garza, 126. Pedro Carrizos, 119, beat Gustavo Carrera, 125, in an eight rounder. Francisco Ortiz, 104, had to settle for a draw in this second meeting with Jose Verchines, 109, in a fast four rounder, as two weeks before he had kayoed Jose in two rounds.
▶ Victoria, Benny Thompson, Promoter:—According to the press clippings Gil Tapia, San Antonio southpaw, had the better of his eight round main event with Manuel Baptista of New Bedford, Mass., but the verdict was a draw. Tapia weighed 132, Baptista, 126. Byron Steele, 145, San Antonio, iced Kid Humphrey, 150, (whoever he might be), in the third round. Pat Brown, 135, Victoria, looked good in trimming Joe O'Toole, 130, San Antonio, (This O'Toole has been in with many of Texas' top little guys including ranking Paul Jorgensen whom he boxed under the name of Israel Garza), in a four rounder.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

GLASGOW . . . Remember Bobby Neill, the Edinburgh featherweight who only twelve months ago was acclaimed by one and all as a future champion until a motor car accident put him on the sidelines? After a long sojourn in hospital the doctors' examination have explained to popular Bobby that his boxing days were over . . . Sammy Docherty, Scotland's leading promoter gave up one of his dates to stage a testimonial on his behalf. . . . The Kelvin Hall was packed to the doors to pay homage to a young lad who "Might have Been" a leading light in the fistic world. . . . Dick Currie, Glasgow, 115½, boxed brilliantly to score a points win over the Spanish bantamweight champion, Antonio Diaz, 117¼, in eight. . . . John "Cowboy" McCormack, Glasgow, 158½, returned to winning form when he defeated Evie Vorster, South Africa, 161½, in the seventh. The referee came to the assistance of Vorster to save him unnecessary punishment. . . . Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 125¾, continued his winning career scoring his sixth straight since entering the professional ranks with a points win over Ken Langford, Slough, 118¾, in a hard fought eight. . . . Peter Walsh, Glasgow, 112¾, got off to a good start with a second round knock-out over Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 114¼, . . . Owen Reilly, Glasgow, 124, kept his unbeaten certificate with a third round knockout over Dickie Richardson, Belfast, 125¾ . . . Dave Mooney, Wishaw, 173¾, did well to outpoint Neville Rowe, Australia, 174¼, in eight.

▶ISLINGTON . . . Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 121, was a narrow points winner over Terry Toole, Hackney, 121, in eight. The bout was evenly fought throughout, until the last round when Toole was down for two counts, thus giving Cardew the little extra at the last gong. . . . Cliff Brown, Northampton, 137, was put on the deck for two "eight" counts in the first round by Alan Howard, Holloway, 136½, who was forced to retire at the end of the second with damaged hands. Brown was a fortunate winner. . . . Selwyn Langford, Slough, 112½, knocked out Ken Morgan, Millwall, 115, in the second. . . . Alec Bryant, Islington, 127¾, stopped Barry Wingfield, Nottingham, 128, in the third. . . . Joe Walcott, Trinidad, 167, and Danny Wall, Wembley, 173, scrambled through six rounds before Walcott received the decision. . . . Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 121, stopped Tommy Slayford, Kennington, 120, in the fourth, when the referee intervened when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Dick Tiger, Nigeria, 163¾, was too forceful besides having the harder punch for Paddy DeLargy, Galway, 161¾, who put up a gallant display till the referee wisely intervened in the sixth to save the game Irishman unnecessary punishment. . . . Eddie Burns, Birkenhead, 123½, outpointed Dennis East, Plaistow, 121½, in a hard fought bout. . . . Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 137½, knocked out Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 135½, in the fourth. . . . Eddie Hughes, Walworth, 136½, although punching hard against Terry Banning, Warwick, 140½, was forced to go the full route of six rounds to receive the points award. This makes it six wins in six outings and Banning was the first to go the limit. . . . Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 137¾, outpointed Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 137, in six. . . . Johnny Hunt, Birkenhead, 179¾, stopped Stan Hooker, Bournemouth, 167½, in the fourth.

▶BELFAST . . . Gerry Hassett, Belfast, 148½, had to fight hard to gain a points win over Don Doherty, Belfast, 153, in eight . . . Dave Croll, Dundee, 126½, won comfortably over Andy Doherty, Derry, 125, in eight . . . Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 137, knocked out Len Donnelly, Derry, 137, in the third . . . George Watson, Belfast, 128, scored a good points win over Davy Walsh, Belfast, 128, in six . . . Billy Adams, Belfast, 120, knocked out Jim Brennan, Belfast, 115½, in the third.

▶BLACKPOOL . . . Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 152, age 21, former amateur welterweight champion of Great Britain, won his first professional contest against the experienced Don Martin, Formby, 151, in six . . . Ray Ward, Halifax, 163, was declared the winner over Bob Gillispie, Belfast, 157, in the third when the referee intervened owing to the Irishman having sustained a badly cut eye . . . Johnny Boston, Blackburn, 112, outpointed Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 113½, in four . . . Ted Arthur, Belfast, 134¼, stopped Les Herbert, Widnes, 131½, in the third, when the latter received a badly cut eye . . . Johnny Neary, Belfast, outpointed Colin Clough, Blackpool, 128½, in four.

▶LEYTON . . . Armand Savoie, Canada, 141, although credited with a win over Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 146, in the third round, did not show any of his fistic powers that made him a formidable opponent as his records show. Against Richardson he allowed the Canning Town Welterweight to steal the thunder in the first two rounds, but when he got warmed up he scored with snappy uppercuts and a left hook that split his opponents lip so badly, that it was no surprise when at the end of the round he was forced to retire. . . . "Baby Face" Terry Spinks, West Ham, 115½, had little to beat when he was matched against his first Continental opponent, Stanilaus Sobolak of France, 117½, over eight rounds. Spinks peppered Sobolak with every punch in the book, and it was no surprise when referee Tommy Little stopped the bout in favour of Spinks in the sixth . . . Tommy Keeley, Birkenhead, 151, showed up well against Terry Gill, West Ham, 150½, for two rounds and was then forced to retire at the end of the second, as he had suffered a very bad cut lip . . . Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 124½, and Pat McCairn, Bethnal Green, 127, had the large crowd on their toes throughout the eight rounds before Devlin received the referee's decision. Both were given a rousing reception as they left the ring . . . Paddy Kelly, Derry, 127¼, son of "Spider" & brother of Billy Kelly, was successful in his professional debut, when he clearly outpointed Billy Graydon, Bethnal Green, 127½, in six.

▶WALSALL . . . Brian Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 137, knocked out Derek Clarke, Burnley, 137½, in the third. Clarke was never in the picture till the contest came to a close . . . Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 127½, scored a points win over Alex Bryant, Islington, 127½, in his first professional bout over six rounds . . . Frank Spencer, Wolverhampton, 113½, stopped Malcolm Gratton, Nottingham, 112½, in the fifth when the latter received a badly cut eye . . . Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 173, and Colin Yendell, Bristol, 171½, fought in true donnybrook style for six rounds before the bout was called a draw . . . Jimmy Norcott, Bethnal Green, 134½, outpointed Colin Mannock, Manchester, 133½, in six.

▶CHELTENHAM . . . The former Scottish amateur lightweight champion, Tommy McGuiness, 138, of Edinburgh, thrilled the crowd with his clever boxing to gain a clear points win over Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, 139¾, in eight. . . . Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 140, was a narrow points winner over Andy Baird, Birmingham, 141, in a thrilling six . . . Billy Keirnan, Shepherds Bush, 142, and Cliff Brown, Northampton, 137½, fought the best bout on the card with the heavier punching of Keirnan giving him the lead at the end of six hectic rounds . . . Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 130½, was too good for Billy Allport, Walsall, 132, and ran out a comfortable winner in six . . . Reg Gardner, Plaistow, 129½, outpointed Maurice Daniels, Cardiff, 129½, in six . . . George Davis, Islington, 151¼, gained a points win over Joe Summerville, Berkhamstead, 153, in six.

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▶DONCASTER . . . Eric Brett, Retford, 119½, and Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 119, fought evenly for eight rounds with neither having the edge. It was no surprise when the decision of a draw was announced to the satisfaction of the packed hall. . . . Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 113, was too accurate in his leads for the promising Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 119, and was a clear points winner in six. . . . After taking NINE counts during the six round bout, Cyril Bates, Notts, 145, with certain defeat facing him unleashed a heavy right on the jaw of George Lacey, Doncaster, 146¾, in the last fifteen seconds to score a sensational knock out. . . . Ted Boake, Notts, 153½, outpointed Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 147, in six. . . . Brian Husband, Hull, 148, stopped Johnny Spittle, South Elmsall, 146, in six.

▶PRESTON . . . Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 156, stopped Len Mullen, Glasgow, 162, in the fourth. . . . Alf Cottam, Treston, 132, was

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(up to December 30, 1957)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Bygraves (J)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Yama Bahama (B)	Attu Clottey (G)
3. Dick Richardson (W)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Clive Stewart (A)	Arthur King (C)
4. Brian London (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
5. Kitione Lave (To)	Mike Holt (SA)	Dick Tiger (N)	Peter Waterman (E)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Sam Langford (N)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Hector Constance (T)
7. Manuel Burgo (E)	Arthur Howard (E)	Les Allen (E)	Sandy Manuel (N)
8. George Chuvaulo (C)	Tommy DuPreez (SA)	Phil Edwards (W)	Tommy Molloy (E)
9. Alan Williams (A)	Albert Finch (E)	Freddie Cross (W)	Jimmy Newman (E)
10. Tom Hini (F)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Johnny Read (E)	Paddy Graham (I)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERWEIGHTS**	**BANTAMWEIGHTS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	Dick White (A)	Frank Jones (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Pete Kawala (G)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Terry Spinks (E)
4. Russell Sands (A)	Ayree Jackson (G)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Warner Batchelor (A)
5. Max Carlos (A)	Charlie Hill (S)	George Bowes (E)	Malcolm McLeod (I)
6. Ron Hinson (E)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
7. Georgie Martin (E)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Ivan McCready (I)
8. Armand Savoie (C)	Kimpo Attarfio (G)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Bindi Jack (A)
9. George Bracken (A)	John O'Brien (S)	Eric Brett (E)	Ado Garuba (G)
10. Johnny Linda (SA)	Gil Neill (I)	Pat Supple (C)	Ezekial Shole (SA)
		Note: John Smillie (S) retired.	

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO)Tonga; (W) Wales.

too strong for Hugh King, Greenock, 125, and the latter was forced to take the full count in round four. . . . Don Armagh, Gold Coast, 119½, forced the referee to intervene in his favour in the second round against Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 121. . . . Joe Taylor, Leyland, 122½, outpointed Eric Lord, Bacup, 119, in six. . . . Tommy Weston, Preston, 136½, outpointed Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 136, in four.

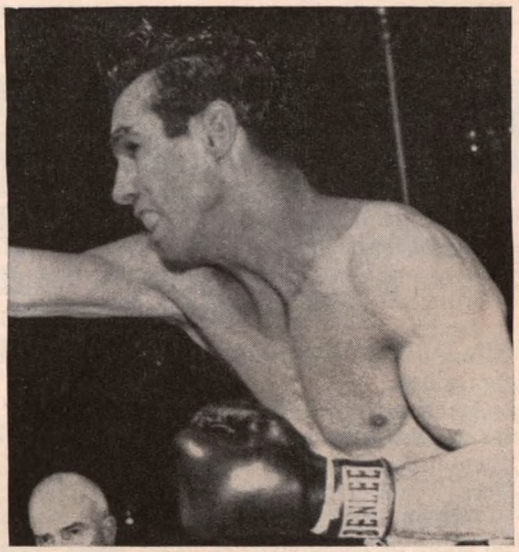
▶LIVERPOOL . . Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 159¾, British & Empire middleweight champion, although not showing his usual dash, was a points winner over Marcel Pigou of France, 160½, in eight. . . . In a battle royal that one can see outside the ring, Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 148, was declared the winner over Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 147½, in the sixth round when the referee sent Molloy back to his corner for the misuse of his head. The latter was cautioned several times for these infringes in the rules. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 122½, clearly outpointed Percy James, Southport, 127, in a hectic eight. . . . After the bout James decided that this was to be his last appearance as a combatant. Good luck to you Percy James for having enough brains to know when to call it a day. . . . Coming in as a late substitute, Terry McHale, Liverpool, 128, was declared the winner over George Mason, Bootle, 128, when the latter in his over impetuousness made the error of using his head besides his fists.

▶BELFAST . . . The crowd rose to two little warriors after their splendid scrap over eight rounds, for Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 113, and Tommy Armour, Belfast, 109, had given the crowd a fistic treat. O'Connor, the more experienced, proved too good for the up and coming Armour and was a worthy winner. . . . Bobby Griffen, Belfast, 135, scored a knockout win over Jack O'Brien, Belfast, 137, in the fourth. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 130¼, was a clear points winner over Andy Doherty, Derry, 128, in eight. . . . Sam Thompson, Belfast, 148¼, defeated Pat Price, Newry, 149½, in the fourth when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. . . . Tommy Larmour, Belfast, 135½, and Gerry O'Neill, Belfast, 144½, fought a draw in six.

▶BLACKPOOL . . . Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 121½, although a clear points winner over Dave Croll, Dundee, 125, at the end of eight fast punching rounds, he was forced to pull out all his cleverness to avoid the aggressive Scot from pulling a last round win. Both came in for a big ovation as they left the ring. . . . Billy Riley, Liverpool, 152, started off like "A Tornado" in his bout with Johnny Routledge, Ambleside, 153, and so overcame the latter which forced the referee to intervene in his favour in the first. . . . Johnny Boston, Blackburn, 112½, outpointed Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 113½, in four. . . . Ted Arthur, Belfast, 136½, knocked out Dave May, Liverpool, 137, in the first.

▶NOTTINGHAM . . . Charlie Hill, Cambusing, 126, took his "COURAGE" and Empire title into the ring against the thirty year old Percy Lewis, 124¾, of Trinidad, now domiciled in Oxford. But one needs more than courage to combat against a clever southpaw, who took command from the start. . . . The bout ended in the tenth round, but during that time the plucky Scot had taken nine counts before referee Bill Williams called a halt. Lewis has taken part in fourteen professional contests and will be remembered as giving world's champion Hogan Bassey two very close contests. . . . Kitione Lave, from The Friendly Isles of Tonga, 198½, started off for a quick win against Hans Fredrich, Germany, 205, who was put on the deck in the first round. The German weathered the storm and cleverly avoided the swings that Lave sent over to win on points after 8 interesting rounds. . . . Ben Buker, Spain, 145½, will be remembered for his very close bout with Peter Waterman, and he was too clever against Gerald Gray, West Indian Champion, 146½, in eight. . . . Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 109½, outpointed Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 113, in fast rounds. . . . John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 121¾, defeated Rudy Edwards, British Guiana, 120½, in the third, when the latter was forced to retire with a damaged shoulder. . . . Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 126½, outpointed Alex Bryant, Islington, 125, in six.

▶HARRINGAY ARENA, London . . . It was the night of Promoter Jack Solomons fifty-seventh birthday, and he was pleased as "Punch" when we were half way through the Dick Richardson-Bob Baker ten round bout in which the Welshman was showing good form and out in front on points against "Sleepwalker" Baker. For Smiling Jack Solomons was enjoying the likely thought of boxing double, Brian London had already defeated Howie Turner of Alabama on points and Richardson was a likely winner—visions



Armand Savoie, Canadian lightweight, after failing to impress in his first two bouts in the British Isles, in stopping Ron Richardson and losing a narrow decision to George Martin, came through in fine style against Jimmy Brown in Belfast, halting him in the sixth round.

of another sell out at The Big Earls Court arena capacity of over 20,000 paying customers witnessing Richardson & London against two top ranking heavyweights. But this was not to be, for Bob Baker suddenly awoke and Dick Richardson went back to his pre-novice stage going in with head down, swinging a slow moving right. From the seventh on Baker showed Richardson the way home, dealing out considerable punishment. The way the American paced the battle was a lesson for some of our heavyweights, and by the ninth round Baker had overcome the early lead of The Welshman. In the last round Baker dealt "A Royal Flush" in blows to the defenseless opposition to run out a clear winner. Baker scaled 220¾, and Richardson 202¾.

▶Brian London, Blackpool, 205½, has often been described as The Blackpool Blockbuster or Bomber after The Great Joe Louis, but in his contest against Howie Turner, 217½, he was never flurried and on the instructions from his corner to Box-Box-Box, he gave a fine exhibition of restraint to gain a easy points win at the end of ten rounds. . . . Terry Downes, Paddington, 161¾, knocked out George Lavery, Belfast, 163, in the fifth. Downes, with his non stop attack, hitting from all angles, overwhelmed the Irish middleweight champion who succumbed to a left hook in the fifth. . . . Terry Spinks, West Ham, 112¾, boxing brilliantly and not putting a foot wrong, showed considerably improved form in outpointing Malcolm McLeod, Coventry, formerly of Ireland, 110½, in eight. . . . Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 135, kept his unbeaten record with a clear points win over Johnny Simmons, Paddington, 136, in six. . . . Mick Leahy, Coventry, formerly of Dublin, 147½, outpointed Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 146½, in six fast rounds. . . . Alan Pompey, Trinidad, 210, stopped Cliff Purnell, Bath, 203, in the second.

▶CAMBRIDGE . . . Ron Bradstreet, Kentish Town, and Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, drew for the second time in their six round punching slugfest that thrilled the crowd. . . . These lightweights whose style are similar are sure to meet again. . . . Pat Eldridge, Plaistow, and Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, put up a great scrap for six rounds before Eldridge was declared the winner. . . . Peter Reed, Reach, outpointed Tommy Williams, Cardiff, in a six round featherweight contest. . . . Earl Reefer, Trinidad, in his first bout in Great Britain, outpointed Don Lewis, Tredegar, in six. . . . Roland Hicks, Cardiff, stopped Bob Shillingford, Romford, in the fifth of a welterweight bout.

▶LEEDS . . . Promoters Jack & Arthur Green were rewarded with a capacity gathering at The Town Hall when Vincent O'Kine, Nigeria, 153, came in as a substitute for Lew Lazar to battle with Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 165. The Nigerian found giving the hard hitting Lynas so much weight was too big a task, but he never flinched and thrilled the customers with his do & die fighting. Lynas was a clear points winner at the end of eight rounds, and the crowd showed their appreciation by flooding the ring with a shower of "Nobbins". . . . Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 216½, outpointed Trevor Snell, Cardiff, 186, in eight. . . . Joey Armstrong, Ghana, 184, knocked out Eddie Hern, Battersea, 200¾, in two mins. of the first round with a right to the jaw. . . . Jack London, Blackpool, 174¾, was forced to retire during the sixth round from a strained back due to missing with a hard right swing, which landed him on the canvas, his opponent Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 165, was declared the winner. . . . Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 145, was declared the winner over Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 150¼, when referee Wally Thom, the ex-welterweight Champion, intervened to save a game lad unnecessary punishment during the fourth session. . . . Johnny Kilburn, Leeds, 137, stopped Benny Roberts, Leeds, 134½, in the second.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . Wally Scott, West Ham, 161, and John Woolard, Glasgow, 161, fought a strenous eight which ended in a draw . . . Paddy O'Callaghan, West Ham, 145½, was declared the winner on points over Andy Baird, Birmingham, 143½, in eight . . Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 137½, boxed well to outpoint Billy Keirnan, Hammersmith, 138½, in six . . . Robbie Wilson, Dagenham, 131, was on the way to a clear win over Vic Bower, Hornchurch, 136, when he was ruled out for the use of his head in the fourth . . . Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 160, defeated Ronnie Davies, Notting Hill, 160½, in the fifth, when the latter received a badly cut eye . . . Martin Duffy, Belfast, 143, outpointed Ted Young, South Africa, 147½, in a farcial six.

▶BUXTON . . . Tommy Summers, Bootle, 170, was declared the winner against Clark Mellor, New Mills, 171½, in the fifth, the latter was ruled out for persistent holding . . . Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 133, outpointed Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 135, in six . . . Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 135, knocked out Roy Evans, Cornforth, 140, in the second . . . Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 122, outpointed Bert Harris, Liverpool, 121, in six hard fought rounds.

▶GLOUCESTER . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 144½, stayed the better in his eight round slugfest against Johnny Fish, Harlow, 148¼, and was a worthy points winner. . . . Johnny Plenty, Bristol, 160¼, outpointed Peter Perkins, Channel Islands, 158, in six. . . . Derrick Jack, Bristol, 128¼, outpointed Trevor Jenkins, Newport, 131, in six. . . . Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 136, defeated Terry Coles, Cheltenham, 137, in six. . . . Sammy Royles, Gloucester, 148¼, outpointed Billy Allitt, Nottingham, 146, in six.

▶NEWCASTLE . . . Johnny Halifihi, Tonga, 174¼, was declared the winner over Don Ellis, U-S-A. now resident in Germany, 173¾, in a bout that was far from satisfactory to the fans in a capacity filled arena. Referee James Followd had to talk to the fighter several times during the ten rounds to give more action without avail. . . . Derry Traynor, Glasgow, 119¾, was awarded the decision over Billy Skelly, Belfast, 120½, in eight. . . . Ted Arthur, Belfast, 138, was awarded a points win over Billy Adams, Newcastle, 133¾, in six. . . . Jack Richards, Middlesborough, 127, outpointed Johnny Neary, Belfast, 127¼, in six. . . . Ken Harvey, Thornaby, 161¾, stopped Billy Ward, Halifax, 161¾, in the fifth.

▶When Alex Griffiths and Joe Jacobs, leading boxing promoters in the Midlands, announced that they had signed Willie Pastrano, 4th world's ranking heavyweight to meet Randolph Turpin, British cruiserweight champion, who is not considered in the first ten ranking cruiserweights of the world, a cry went up from the leading newspaper critics in their headlines for the British Boxing Board of Control to "STOP THIS

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A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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the month of March we are reminded of the amazing record compiled by that amazing little battler, Beau Jack, at Madison Square Garden in March of '44: three appearances in the one month attended by 57,522 spectators who paid $442,479 to see him against Bob Montgomery, Al Davis, Juan Zurita. As a crowd-pleaser Beau Jack had few equals in boxing.

Imagine his tv-rating were he in action today!

Amusing isn't it? For years the NBA has sought to overcome the New York Commission argument as to why New York would not join the national organization: that it would mean giving up some of its sovereignty. This New York refuses to do. Now along comes Massachusetts, long-time staunch member of NBA but recently seceded.

Reason? Because Massachusetts refuses to yield sovereignty, not even a tiny little bit of it, like its right to hold its own *"world championship" events.*

COMMISSION CONFUSION

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Many disagreed with the verdict and Basilio had a contract for a return bout.

Saxton wasn't giving ground. If the New York Commission wanted him to defend the title in Syracuse as was suggested, it would have to accept Palermo. Chairman Helfand didn't want to penalize Basilio.

Saxton was permitted to fight, and it was understood Palermo would cut the purse. The fight ended in the ninth round with Basilio regaining the title.

Now Akins has staked a claim to the welterweight championship that Basilio relinquished. At least he thought he had the title within his grasp only to learn that world opinion can go a long way in deciding such ownership.

The recent bout in Philadelphia between Vince Martinez and Gil Turner has been ruled by the National Boxing Association as the semi-final in the world tournament but more confusion has been added by the refusal of Julius Helfand and the World Commission to accept this ruling.

What will be the ultimate result?

The public definitely will decide Basilio's successor. If Barnes doesn't quickly come to the States to meet one of the US contenders, the winner of the Philadelphia bout and Isaac Logart will be generally accepted.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

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CONTEST". An emergency meeting of the Board was called to investigate this matter under their rules, Regulation 20, Para. 25, which states "That the area Council or Board have the power to prohibit a contest which in their opinion is not in the interest of Boxing". Their ruling was to the effect that the bout would not be allowed to take place.

▶There is no doubt that as an attraction in The Midlands, the spacious Granby Halls would be filled to capacity and many a person would receive a good pay night, but one must take into consideration that since being STOPPED by Gordon Wallace and outpointed by Hans Stretz, Randy has not fought a really first class opponent.

It must also be remembered his own statement when he said, after one of his contests, "That he saw the blow coming, but he could not get out of the way of it". He and George Middleton declared that "He was calling it a day".

If Turpin in his return to the ring had defeated his opposition in the way that we knew he could before the Wallace set-to, then we would all be for him having this contest.

More power to The Board of Control in stopping ANY CONTEST that they think is not good for BOXING.

▶LIVERPOOL . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 146, won his bout against Paul King, Torquay, 148½, on points after eight rounds. This marks 30 contests without defeat. . . . Jimmy O'Connell, Bootle, 149, gave an impressive display in outpointing Jackie Butler, Preston, 146½, in eight hard hitting rounds. . . . Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 126½, scored a smart knockout win over Percy James, Southport, 128, in the fourth. Stan Barnett, Newon-le-Willows, 136½, stopped Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 139½, in the third. . . . Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 152, and Jimmy Spelman, Liverpool, 152, fought a draw in four.

▶ROCHESTER . . . Tommy Tagoe, Nigeria, 152½, put a dent into the unbeaten record of Tim Giles, Stepney, 155, who was forced to take four counts in the first round before referee Jack Hart came to his assistance and stopped the bout. Giles was not in a position to defend himself. . . . Terry Rees, Catford, 126½, was a narrow points winner over Alex Bryant, Islington, 126½, in six. . . . Barrie Smith, Dartford, 126, knocked out Leo McCurtin, Ireland, 126¼, in the second. . . . Alan Harmer, Kensington, 162, reversed a previous points defeat when he outpointed Billy Desmond, Muswell Hill, 163, in six. . . . Terry Lake, Walworth, 140, gained a close win on points against Duggie Johnson, Glasgow, 144, in six. . . . Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 132¾, stopped Peter Pickering, Ilford, 132, in the third.

▶A very interesting topic in one of Jack Solomons "Scrap Book" series on T.V. took place when in the studio Jack Hart, Bill Williams, two "Star" class referees, Gerard Walters and Peter Wilson, two leading boxing critics were asked questions by Jack Solomons who was in the chair, whether it would be a good thing for boxing, if TWO JUDGES were to sit outside the ring and assist the referee in giving a decision of a contest. This would bring us back to the days when there were two judges and a referee in competition boxing at The Old National Sporting Club at Covent Garden. Jack and Peter were outvoted by the referees and supported by Gerard Walters who were adamant in their survey that a referee in the ring could see more than a judge who only can view from one side of the ring.

I utterly agree with their view of "ONE REFEREE" not three to give a decision. . . . This very argument for a referee to work from inside the ropes was fought for by many of us OLD TIMERS on The British Boxing Board of Control, many many years ago, for we contended that a referee could handle and view a contest better inside the ring.

One has only to peruse the score sheets of referee's and judges in many parts of the world to see that their judgment of a contest does NOT coincide.

▶BLACKPOOL . . . Don Armah, Ghana, 120, was very aggressive against the Liverpool southpaw, Bert Harris, 118, and although the latter was very elusive, nevertheless he gave value for the points win at the end of eight interesting rounds. . . . George Mason, Liverpool, 129, scored a knockout win over Ted Arthur, Belfast, 133½, in the third. Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 138, stopped Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 137, in the second. . . . Steve McManus, Manchester, 146, outpointed Ron Pye, Manchester, 145½, in four.

▶EPSOM . . . Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 158, coming in as a late substitute, outpointed Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 160, in a eight round slugging bout. . . . Tommy Lee, Croydon, 151½, won on points against Kenny Seaman, Borough, 153, in six. . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 165, stopped Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 166, in the fourth. . . . Joe Somerville, 152½, outpointed Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 152, in six. . . . Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 148½, did well to score a points win over Buster Gaffney, Croydon, 146, in six. . . . Terry Russell, Poplar, 130½, outpointed Dennis Saunders, Boreham Wood, 130, in six.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . "Smashing" "Dashing" "Crashing" Ted (Kid) Lewis, will forgive me if I borrow the tag that was bestowed upon him in The United States, and hang it around the neck of Terry Downes of Paddington, 159. Terry learned his fighting in a good school. The United States Marines, and it was there that he was taught "Once you have your opposition on the run, don't loosen on them". . . . He demonstrated this method on a tough Tunisian, Hamouda Bouraoui from Bizerta, 162, who revelled in the rough going, for he met Terry at his own game "punch for punch". The latter had the crowd with him once he showed that he was not afraid to fight back in the first round. Left leads and left hooks took their toll after four rounds and at the gong the Tunisian, who had suffered facial damage told his seconds that he could not breath through his nose, this had been damaged in the previous round. Although he was forced to retire he was given a great reception on leaving the ring, for he had fought a magnificent losing battle. . . . Armand Savoie, Canada, was narrowly outpointed by George Martin, Bermondsey, 134½, in a eight round boxing feast. . . . Terry Gill, West Ham, 148, and Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 150, battled eight rounds to a draw. These welterweights put up a good scrap. . . . Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 125, outpointed Ron Jones, West Ham, 122¾, in a eight round featherweight contest. . . . Robbie Wilson, Dagenham, 131, defeated Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 135½, when the latter was disqualified in the fourth. . . . Paddy Kelly, Derry, 126, stopped Billy Graydon, Bethnal Green, 128, in the third.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH . . . In a £25. (Seventy Dollars) challenge match between Gerry Parker, 111¾, and Pancho Bhatachaji, of India, 111, over eight rounds, the former showed improved form to obtain a clear points win by crisply clean hitting that was loudly acclaimed by the crowd when referee Benny Caplan raised Parker's hand as the winner. . . . The hard hitting Norwich lightweight, Roy Taylor, 131¼, demonstrated his power of punch with a first round knockout of Charlie Williams, Deptford, 132½, in 2 min. 5 secs. . . . Aubrey Day, King's Lynn, 128½, stopped Jackie Bowers, West Ham, 124½, in the third round when the referee intervened, as the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Tony Webster, Norwich, 134, defeated Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 135½, in the sixth and last round when the referee intervened when Bowyer received a badly cut eye. . . . Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 136¼, outpointed Johnny Lomey, Euston, 137½, in six interesting rounds. . . . Gus Harry, Trinidad, 145, knocked out Billy Allitt, Beeston, 146½, in the third.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . David Oved, Israel, 128, and David Croll, Dundee, 127, fought a hard fought battle over eight rounds to a draw. . . . A mild sensation was caused by Derek Clarke, Burnley, 138, for after being well outpointed by Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 135, for nearly four rounds, swung a right in a dying effort to Edwards jaw which felled the latter for the fatal ten seconds. . . . Terry Banning, Warwick, 144, defeated Mike Robins, Camberwell, 149, in the second round, the latter was ruled for an alleged low blow. . . . George Cooper, St Mary Cray, 202, stopped Dennis Lockton, Manchester, 185, in the third round. . . . Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 125½, stopped Colin Salcombe, Smethwick, 129, in the second. . . . Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 138½, outpointed Tony Mulholand, Birmingham, 138½, in six.

▶BLACKPOOL . . . Hard hitting Joe Taylor, Leyland, 122½, took five rounds to catch up with the fast moving southpaw, Bert Harris, Liverpool, 121, who succumbed to a two handed barrage to take the full count. . . . Tommy Weston, Preston, 137, outpointed Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 136½, in four. . . . Johnny Neary, Belfast, beat Les Herbert, Widnes, in the third, when the bout was stopped owing to the latter having sustained a badly cut eye. . . . Steve McMannus, Manchester, 144, outpointed Ron Pye, Manchester, 144½, in four.

▶BELFAST . . . Armand Savoie, Canada, in his third bout in these Isles, gave an impressive performance in giving Jimmy Brown, Belfast, a boxing lesson for almost six rounds before handing the Irish lad "the coup-de-grace". The end came in the second minute of the sixth, when Savoie who had been reducing Brown's stamina by a fusilade of combination punches which the latter had no answer for, unleased a short right to the jaw that sent Jimmy Brown on the canvas, he gamely rose at six only to sink down again to be counted out. . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, reversed a previous defeat at the hands of The Belfast Redhead, Paddy Graham, in a welterweight contest, when St. Louis was awarded a points decision at the end of ten rounds.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By Ike Morales

BOXING IN NEW ORLEANS DURING 1957 DIDN'T SET ANY records, and wasn't too good, financially, for the promoters. But it was far from being the poorest season.

All told, there were 28 boxing shows staged among the various promoters—21 of which were staged by the Franklin Athletic Club. Four fight programs were promoted by the Louisiana Boxing Club, two by the Irish Channel Boxing Club, and one by the Greater New Orleans Enterprises.

The 28 fight shows attracted 67,990 paid customers for a gross gate of $165,000, and a net of $147,000.

Biggest fight of the year was staged on April 8, at Pelican Baseball Stadium by the Franklin AC. The headliners were Ralph Dupas and Vince Martinez, and won by Ralph in a hotly contested and bloody battle.

Dupas and Martinez lured 9,000 customers to the ball park, and with tickets selling from $15 down to $2.50, the gross amounted to $41,674. Net gate totaled $33,135. It was a banner affair for Heard Ragas who promoted the fight.

The second largest gate was the $19,800 gross for the Spider Webb-Charley Joseph middleweight fight in Municipal Auditorium. The net was $16,900. Joseph was declared the winner in a major upset.

Toughest break came when Vince Arnone and William LeBoeuf staged their lone attraction at the Coliseum. The main event brought together Red Top Davis and Larry Armstead and won by Armstead. Less than 900 paid fans turned out for this one, the gate netting only $897.

There were a number of fine prospects developed here during the year, but Freddie Little, the Dillard University middleweight managed by Whitey Esneault, was tabbed the best. Little won all seven fights in which he engaged, six of them by knockouts. He has never engaged in an amateur bout, which makes his feat more remarkable.

The local promoters have promised to bring in some outstanding attractions for 1958, and from the looks of things, there is a fine chance that 1958 will prove far more successful than last year.

▶ Charley Joseph and Bobby Boyd closed out the professional boxing season here and it was a real thriller. Boyd won the split decision in 10 rounds at the Coliseum arena.

There was a paid attendance of 2,955 customers who grossed $7,400. Although the loser, Joseph picked up a check for $1,791, while Boyd pocketed $1,493.

For action, the fight was a sizzler, one of the year's best. There were very few dull moments and very few punches wasted as Boyd and Joseph racked each other's brains with blows that carried plenty of dynamite.

There was no question about the decision, although one of the officials, who gave each fighter five rounds, voted for Joseph, "because of aggressiveness and cleaner punches."

The officials voted 2-1 for Boyd. My tab showed Boyd winning seven of the 10 rounds. Joseph entered the ring a 2 to 1 favorite.

In the eight-round semi-final, Andrew Brown scored an easy victory over Willie Dillon, stablemate of Boyd. Dillon was willing and courageous, but was overmatched. Larry Armstead repeated his knockout over "Killer" Jackson, finishing the "Killer" in three rounds. Cal Campbell stopped Jimmy Williams in one.

▶ Future pro ring stars displayed their ability in the Sugar Bowl boxing meet between a team from New Orleans and a squad from Memphis, Tenn., here in Municipal Auditorium.

When it was all-over, each side had won four bouts. The A.A.U. boxers, most of them, showed fine possibilities and it is a foregone conclusion that several will turn to the pro ranks before the year is out.

Ronnie Ratliff, New Orleans flyweight, who won the Sugar Bowl title in '56, repeated in the 1957 tourney, beating Arlie Neal of Memphis. Ratliff, although in his early teens, fights like a pro, knows all the tricks of the trade, and is destined to go far if and when he enters the money ranks.

The 1957 Sugar kings crowned were Ronnie Ratliff, New Orleans, 112 pounds; J. W. Crain, Memphis, 118 pounds; Herman Stephens, Memphis, 126 pounds; Harry Carbo, New Orleans, 135 pounds; Henry Harrison, Memphis, 147 pounds; Gene Gilliam, New Orleans, 160 pounds; Dewey Varnado, New Orleans, 175 pounds, and Bill Bedgood, Memphis, heavyweight.

▶ COUNTER-PUNCHES: — Champion Joe Brown came into the Item sports department to show the staff his lightweight championship belt presented to him by Nat Fleischer, Publisher of Ring Magazine. . . . Brown said he would like to give Ralph Dupas a chance at his crown, but doesn't believe his hometown challenger could dethrone him.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

Al Asuncion, 117, and bantamweight titleholder of the Philippines, successfully defended his crown by badly outpointing Little Cezar, 117, former bantam king in 12 rounds at the Coliseum. Cezar received two cuts but he proved a tough rival and it will take years before Asuncion will forget that he had been in a fight.

Tommy Romulo, 132, badly outpointed Javellana Kid, 135, in a 10 rounder.

Johnny Jarrett, 118, who claimed to be a contender of Australia in the bantamweight division can never be a box attraction in Manila with his two showings. He was kayoed in the very first round by Dommy Ursua and now drew with Leo Zulueta, 113, and a trial horse in the flyweight division.

Kid Independence Jr., 111, badly outpointed Baby Espinosa, 110 in 10 rounds. Oscar Reyes, 126, won over his green rival Moring Macalinao, 124, in 6 rounds. Angeles Alberto, 113, won in a very unpopular decision over Small Dave, 115, in 6 rounds.

▶ Cris Miranda, 123, badly defeated Jackie Trillana, 123, in 10 rounds in Mandaluyong, Rizal, promoted by Joe Eagle, former featherweight champion of the Orient. Viva Zapata, 112, outpointed Leon Silos, 110, in 10. Jim Posadas, 120, kayoed Dick Roma, 120, in 2. Freddie Balbuena, 118, decisioned Dommy Felicia, 122, in 4.

▶ Cagayan Boy, 122, kayoed Star Riba, 125, in 5 rounds in Pinamalayan, Mindor. Ray Martin, 100, bested Little Historilla, 107, in 8. Baby Jim, 122 knocked out Star Samson, 122, in 1. Rush Lunario, 114, stopped Little Boboy, 114, in 1. Kid Tamaraw, 110, halted Edy Historillo, 110, in 3.

▶ Young Brazil, 120, bested Cagayan Boy, 122, in 8 rounds in Tagkawayan, Quezon province. Station Boy, 108, halted Rocky Mariano, 106, in 3. Rocky Antonio, 125, decisioned Rush Catolico, 120, in 4. Lightning Freddie, 156, kayoed Rush Salvador, 157, in 3. Decilio Lopez, 125, knocked out Kid Blackie, 128, in 2.

▶ Memo Diaz, 125, defeated Primo Corpus, 124, in 6 rounds in Meycauawayan, Bulacan. Star Maca, 132, won over Fighting Toro, 134, in 6. Romeo Manlapig, 118, drew with Pretty Boy, 116, in 4. Young Polo, 126, halted Young Teddy, 128, in 4. Star Lolomboy, 116, kayoed Bakery Boy, 118, in 3.

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▶ Flash Meney, 125, bested Nick Johnson, 128, in 8 rounds in San Pablo, Laguna. Rudy Alcantara, 115, kayoed Tony Cabrera, 114, in 3. Baby Hernandez, 112, halted Ruber Santana, 112 in 3. Rush Junior, 118, won over Vendor Kid, 120, in 4. Bonnie Ladrazo, 118, bested Eddie Villa, 114, in 4.

▶ Lourdeinez, Jr., 112, decisioned Cunning Andy, 116, in 8 rounds in Fort McKineley. Rica, Jr., 125, outpointed Roy Compio, 121, in 6. Sev Grafia, 127, kayoed Montalban Kid, 122, in 3. Rosales, Jr., kayoed Tony Misamis, 138, in 1.

▶ Bob Burdett, 135, and kid brother of former welterweight champion of the Orient, Clever Henry, won over Flash Olano, 130, in 10 rounds in Calauag, Quezon province. Flash Villafuerte, 130, drew with Slugger Joe, 128, in 8. Kid Romeo, 114, decisioned Little Hagibis, 112, in 6. Little Pony, 110, kayoed Young Roger, 112, in 4.

▶ Herminio Rodriguez, 107, won over Ric Ricuerdo, 112, in 6 rounds in Meycauayan, Bulacan. Totoy Diquenio, 118, bested Santy Erana, 118, in 4. Palengke Boy, 115, halted Calvario Boy, 112, in 3. Fighting Lolomboy, 125, kayoed Bony Hadman, 120, in 3. Young Carling, 120, knocked out Sampalucan Kid, 120, in 3. San Juan Boy, 120, bested Spur Cola Kid, 120, in 4 rounds.

▶ Jackie Trillana, 124, won a split decision over Emil Bill Tinde, 125, in 10 rounds in Lucena, Quezon province. Teo Castaneda, 116, drew with Golden Boy, 112, in 8. Nestor Checa, 112, defeated Pa Aranas, 114, in 8. Kid Fuentes, 114, outpointed Eladio Enrile, 115, in 6.

▶ Little Dommy, 112, bested Buddy de Slyva, 10. Flash Menny, 120, defeated Tiger Willie, 122, in 8. San Juan Boy, 120, halted Killer Dominguez, 120, in 4. Rush Rodrigo, 120, outboxed Boy Dadivas, 118, in 6.

▶ Flash Menny, 124, drew Young Eleno, 124, in 8 rounds in Sta. Cruz, Laguna. Johnny Bon, 124, kayoed Lefty Menny, 124, in the 1st round. Luis Magana, 105, bested Baby Jacinto, 105, in 4. Joe Sagun, 112, kayoed Rufo Bacani, 112, in 2. Kid Samson Jr., 120, halted Kid Malinow, 120, in 1st.

▶ Primo Corpus, 124, drew with Small Genio, 122, in 6 rounds in San Fernando, Pampanga. Kid Aske, 122, stopped Flash Pasudeco, 120, in 3. J. Bernabe, 113, kayoed Mar Flores, 110, in 1st. Gerry Corpus, 108, halted Flash Mendoza, 101, in 2.

▶ Emil "Bill" Tinde, 132, drew with Paulito Escarlan, 132, in 8 rounds in Marilao, Bulacan. Golden Boy, 116, kayoed Kid Aranas, 120, in 3. San Juan Boy, 120, halted Speed Feliciano, 118, in 2. Al Concepcion, 114, knocked out Ernie Alcantara, 112, in 1. Rush Rodrigo, 114, decisioned Rocky Nestor, 120, in 4.

▶ Young Bonnie, 112, halted Kid Basas, 110, in 5 rounds in Aanay, Rizal. Max Aguilar, 116, defeated Alex Olinares, 116, in 6. Zamboanga Kid, 126, kayoed Gene Acosta, 126, in 2. Sta. Maria Kid, 132, stopped Young Cading, Jr., 128, in 3.

▶ Teo Castaneda, 115, outpointed Viva Zapata, 116, in 8 rounds in Pasig, Rizal. Terry Blanker, 135, kayoed Flash Olano, 135, in 4. Baby Moro, 116, decisioned Baby Eagle, 119, in 6. Little de Leon, 130, bested Villa Santos, 134, in 4.

▶ Cagayan Boy, 126, outpointed Ernie Posadas, 118, in 8 rounds in Pasig, Rizal. Young Cading, 126, and Kid Johnson, 124, were thrown out of the ring by their brotherly act. Jim Posadas, 120, kayoed Rudy Mariano, 120, in 3. Terrible Max, 129, bested Rocky Cornelio, 128, in 4. Pat Molato, 116, stopped Young Benny, 116, in 1.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

STAN HARRINGTON, HAWAII'S TOP WELTERWEIGHT, knocked out L. C. Morgan, usually a lightweight, of Youngstown, Ohio in the third of a scheduled ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. The end came in 52 seconds of the round when Harrington connected with a terrific right to Morgan's jaw while they were engaged in a sizzling, non-stop exchange. Morgan fell on his back and was out cold, longer than the required count.

Morgan weighed 140½ to Harrington's 147.

The fight was promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., and drew 2,468 fans for a $4,693 gross.

Larry Cantiberos, 133¾, knocked out Ray Carvalho, 132¼, in the second of six. Phil Ortiz, 116½, decisioned Walter Kinoshita, 117¾. 4 rounds.

Floyd Gatuian, 124¼, TKO'ed Pat Lee, 131¾, in the second of four. Robert Corniel, 137, knocked out Sifua Viena, 132¼, in the first of four.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

BOSTON — MECHANIC'S BUILDING — JIMMY CONNORS, 127½, NEW BEDFORD, came off the floor in the first round, waged a persistent body attack, and won a unanimous ten round decision over Pat McCarthy, Jr., 129, Roxbury. It was a battle between a pair of hitherto undefeated youngsters. Connors was dropped in the first round by a left hook but held the upper hand for the remainder of the fight. Pat was dropped into the ropes in the sixth round.

Tony Veranis, 144½, Dorchester, another undefeated lad, stopped Bobby Murphy, 145½, Brighton, in the seventh round. Murphy, who won the Rookie of the Year award in 1955, was dropped in the seventh round from a right cross-left hook combo. He arose but was on the receiving end of a flurry when Referee Eddie Curley halted the contest.

Buddy Cochrane, 158, Somerville, copped a clear cut decision from willing Young Joe Walcott, 151½, Bridgeport, Conn., in eight rounds. Harvey Lammers, 160, New Bedford, battled to a draw with Ray Drayton, 167, Boston, in the six round opener.

▶REVERE — Rollaway Arena — Joe Devlin, 150¼, Jamaica Plain, dropped Clisby (Rocky) Ford, 144½, Brooklyn, four times while stopping him in the fifth round of a new talent card.

Guy LoConte, 146½, Malden, decisioned Johnny Bradley, 143¾, New York, in the six round semi-final. In four rounders: Al Rose, 150, Brookline, belted out Frankie Evans, 149, Boston, in the first round; Kenny Stokes, 150, Boston, did the same to Rocky Jordan, 155½, Allston; Charley Michaud, 174½, New Bedford, won over George H. Jefferson, 169, Hartford; and Senie David, 133½, Hartford, kayoed Angelo LaPaglia, 130¾, Roxbury, in the final round of the opener.

▶BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Eddie Andrews, 158½, Lowell, punched out a decisive ten round decision over Joe (Rocky) Tomasello, 164, Keyport, N. J.

Ray Drayton, 166, Roxbury, dropped Roy Belsito, 170½, Worcester, four times, stopping him in the fourth heat. Earl Dennis, 144¾, Wilmington, N. C., punched out an easy decision over Johnny Taylor, 144¾, New York, in six rounds. Tony Liquori, 140, Agawam, rallied from a knockdown to hold Hereberito Rivera, 140½, Puerto Rico, to a four round draw. Jimmy McInnis, 139, Charlottetown, P.E.I., stopped Johnny Long, 140, Roselle Park, N. J., with a badly cut lip at the end of the first round.

▶BOSTON Garden—Willie Pep, 131, Hartford, slightly slowed down but still the master, dazzled a young, ambitious Jimmy Connors, 127, New Bedford, to win an easy ten round decision. Connors' bid with a body attack was foiled as the wily Pep slipped the hard body shots and then countered with rights to the head. There were two knockdowns, a solid right to the kisser dropped Connors onto his panties near the close of the eighth round, and in the ninth, Connors received a rapid fire combination before being spun into the ropes. Referee Jimmy McCarron ruled it a knockdown.

Barry Allison, 150, Springfield, New England middleweight champion, battled to a draw with undefeated Tony Veranis, 146¼, Dorchester, in the ten round co-feature. Allison's title was not at stake. It was the second time Veranis had to share honors to mar an otherwise perfect slate.

Artie Lupo, 126¼, Hartford, won the rubber match with Bobby Soares, 127½, Providence, in eight rounds. Joe Devlin, 151½, Jamaica Plain, stopped Wally Doman, 152½, Roselle Park, N. J., in the second round of another eight spot. In the opener, also slated for eight heats, Joe DeNucci, 161¼, Newton, halted Joe Greene, 165¼, Newark, N. J., in the third round.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

AMATEUR BOXING TOURNAMENTS ARE IN FULL SWAY at this writing with results coming in from all sections of Iowa, South Dakota, and Northwest Nebraska.

▶MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA—Eddie Engebritson, Sioux Falls, defending state amateur welterweight champion, won the headliner of a 14-bout fistic card here from Mitchell's Dean Goetsch in the final bout to pull his team into a tie with Mitchell for the team honors.

Each club won four while Marty Mission and Parkston picked up two wins apiece. Wessington Springs and Miller each got one and Pipestone, Minn., failed to win.

It was the 18th loss of a 77-fight career spanning nearly 10 years for Goetsch, the Mitchell trainer, who had not fought for two years.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

YVON DURELLE AND JERRY LUEDEE HEADLINED THE BABE ZAHARIAS MEMORIAL CANCER FUND boxing card at Tampa, and made a sure enough issue of it for 10 actionized rounds. Surrounded by 3,500 fans at Fort Hesterly and a national TV audience, the light-heavyweights whacked and walloped each other for one of the best fights seen anywhere, anytime.

Durelle, the fighting fisherman from Baie St. Anne, N. B., had the better of things, not too much, but enough to score over the relentless resistance of Luedee. Durelle weighed 174½. Luedee, from New Haven, Conn., tipped 172, and came within an ace of holding The Ring Magazine's number three man in the light-heavy division, to a draw. The loser loses no prestige. The Ring places him in the first class after top challengers are listed, in February issue.

Aldo Mente, 140½, overcame the effects of a cut eye in the third and rallied to gain a draw in 10 rounds with Pat O'Brien, 139½, New York. Mente, of Niagara Falls, and O'Brien gave a fine account of what action is. Danny Toriani, 137¼, Miami, TKOed Tino Fuentes, 142½, Tampa, in three. Sonny Campbell, 133, took a four from Gene Wiley, both Tampans. Claude Williams, Tampa, won in 10 over Victor Penn, of Houston.

▶Bobby Lane got right back on the winning lane and he didn't have to "run", as the expression goes in our boxing field. With two straight losses staring him in the face, Bobby turned battler and clouted his way to a 10 round decision, and upset, over the favored Angelo DeFendis at Miami Beach. It's rather rare if you see Lane on the canvas but it happened this night, twice.

The semi-final lasted into the seventh and the winner by a TKO was Goemo Brennan, 152½, of Bimini His victim was Deacon Washington, 155¾, of Deerfield, Florida. Willie Finney, 148½, Miami, took a four from Billy Orais, 142, Homestead Air Force Base. A four round draw resulted in the match between Billy Hall, 144, Norwood, Georgia and Bob Moore, 144½, Philadelphia. Ray Davis, 136, Miami, bested fellow Miamian, Al DuBois, 135, in four.

▶As if acting on a hunch, the year's second largest count of 3,661 turned up for the Joey Giardello-Ralph (Tiger) Jones bout at Miami Beach, and it paid off for them and for Joey. What happened was Jones showered leather on Giardello for a half-minute during the third round when all of a sudden, BANG, a Giardello right found Jonesy's button, sending him back. A wicked left hook followed and down went the Tiger. He was up at "two" and took the mandatory "eight" count. That knockdown was enough for the whole show and worth the admission alone.

Joey, who rates the fourth middleweight slot in The Ring, and Ralph, at eleventh, went on to give the folks a bitter battle and at the finish Giardello had it unanimously. Jimmy Peerless refereed. The judges were Stu Winston and Gus Jacobson.

The Chris Dundee-Jim Norris co-promotion drew a gate of $10,046. Only the Joe Brown-Bud Smith lightweight title bout in February (1957) surpassed it. The winner, from Philadelphia and Rosedale, L. I., weighed 159¼, and the loser, from Yonkers, N. Y., and Valley Stream, L. I., 157¼.

Ray Sheppard, 154¼, beat Gordon Van Loo, 154, in six. Ray Estepa, 136½, won from Freddie Cozart, 136¾, in six. Hymie Budow, 131, whipped Francis McCrink, 130, in a four. Clinton Jordan, 130¾, TKOed Roosevelt Springer, 128, in the opening round. Tommy Stru, 195, TKOed Tony Rocchio, 185½, in the third heat.

A PERENNIAL ROSE

(Continued from page 24)

"here's an offer all the way from Tokyo for Kid Gavilan to fight out there for five grand. Here's another for Nino Valdez to go in Venezuela for three thousand. After all these years they still come in to me from everywhere."

Rose has a most unusual explanation for his well preserved condition. *"My mother lived to be ninety years old and she was very superstitious so I see no reason why I shouldn't be the same way. Believe it or not, if I get an idea that something I'm wearing is bringing me hard luck, out the window it goes no matter how much it costs or how new.*

"If I'm sitting in a certain chair and in comes a good telegram or a good 'phone call, I won't sit in any other chair until something happens that isn't so good and then I'll switch.

"They can say what they want about superstitions, but don't forget some of the greatest fighters—some of the greatest men—were the most superstitious people you ever saw. Take Terry M'Govern, nobody was any more superstitious than he was—and what a fighter. As long as I stay in such good health I'm going to keep on being superstitious."

Along with his belief in the benign effects of superstition, on longevity, Charley is also a great booster for ice cream. *"Since I recovered from a serious illness ten years ago, I wouldn't think of going to bed without eating my ice cream. My health has been perfect since I started doing it."*

Charley spends a lot of time in the company of old cronies, Joe Woodman and gentlemanly Jimmie Bronson.

A relaxed type of person, excitability is alien to his nature. He takes whatever comes along in an even, uninterrupted stride. Of the many fighters who have been his charges, Charles Rose takes special pride in the job he did with Holman Williams, a Roxborough-Black discard of the Joe Louis era.

"When I took Holman," he grins, *"the wise guys went around saying, 'At last Charley Rose has a fighter older than he is.' But how we fooled them! Do you know that Holman licked Archie Moore, Charley Burley, and Lloyd Marshall, three of the greatest fighters in the world at the time, for me, and he made more money in the two years I had him, than he made in the ten years before that?"*

Like all veterans Charley has his fights and fighters.

"The best men I've seen in my time were George Dixon, Terry M'Govern, Abe Attell, Leonard, Gans, the original Joe Walcott, Ray Robinson, Stanley Ketchell, Jack Dillon, Sam Langford, Jack Johnson, Dempsey and Jeffries. But now I've got to get going, I'm meeting Jimmy Bronson at Fiftieth and Broadway, and I don't want to keep him waiting because his arthritis has been bothering him." Charley concluded, as he bustled down the avenue, his brisk pace belieing his seventy years.

Carlos Ortiz in Class A

Through an oversight, the name of Carlos Ortiz, New York, who should have been listed in "Class A" among the lightweights in our Annual Ratings Issue, was left out of the February Ring. His record for 1957 entitles him to a position in that classification.

The name of Carlos Ortiz of Mexico, another lightweight, was also inadvertently left out. He belongs to Class B.

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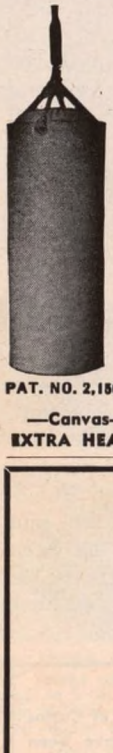

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

IT WASN'T FROM THE LACK OF PUBLICITY, BUT TOO MUCH overhead that resulted in a deficit in C. W. Smith's first boxing promotional venture at the Light Guard Armory on the east-side of Detroit. A good turn out of 2,971 fans paid a gross of $7,000 and a net of $5,000 to watch localites Pat Lowry and Duke Harris come out on the short end of their co-feature bouts.

Comebacking Lowry, formerly out of Toledo and now operating out of the Motor City, permitted his once ranked opponent Chico Vejar, of Stamford, Conn., to pile up enough points in the early rounds to coast home to a unanimous decision.

Handlers of State welterweight champion Duke Harris may learn someday that eleven pounds can make a big difference in an outcome of a fight. Back in June 1955, Harris lost to Al Andrews (some observers still maintain Harris won) in Saginaw because of the weight difference, and here on the Armory show it played an important part in his split decision ten round loss to rugged Wilf Greaves, of Pittsburgh. Greaves, a strong determined battler, set the pace and would not allow Harris to untrack himself, forcing Duke to fight his kind of a battle.

Osee Groom, Al DeNapoli's KO minded heavyweight, had the tables turned on him by Bill Pickett who avenged an earlier knockout by halting his opponent in the opening round. Pickett came out swinging at the opening bell dropping Groom for a nine count and then putting him down again after he arose. Referee Herman Spinelli stepped in at 1:31 and called it finis.

Ducky Dietz and Floyd Brooks both had one thing in common, that was to knock the other fella's head off. They came out winging, but Brooks scored with the more telling blows and more frequently to grab a unanimous five round duke. Dietz was down in the second round in losing only his second bout in ten.

In a six rounder Pero Bradley, a former New Orleans middleweight now operating out of Detroit, decisioned John Gillespie, of Benton Harbor, in a six rounder.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . While Joe Spieser and associates still are trying to raise the money guaranteed Archie Moore to defend his title here or secure television rights for the match, promoter C. W. Smith moved in and has signed Spieser (brother Chuck, that is) for an early date in February against Bobby Lane. Its a good bet that Smith will take over the Spieser-Moore title bout hopes and his presence could be the proper injection needed to clear up this muddle.

Eddie Agnetta, one of the nicest guys in boxing, is recovering from a broken leg at the Vet's Hospital in Dearborn.

With 1957 now passe, we can report a total of only twenty professional shows were offered during the year passed. Of these the Olympia Stadium where Nick Londes is promoter, led the way with six nationally televised promotions. Hank Steinert offered four cards for the Saginaw fans. . . . Art Greenwald's clever youngster Mickey Crawford made the most progress of any fighter here during the past year, having developed into a main fighter and done well. In eleven fights during the past year Crawford defeated the likes of Paddy DeMarco, Wallace "Bud" Smith, Allan Kennedy, Pat Lowry and Sammy Rodgers. His only defeat was to Ralps Dupas at New Orleans, but that can easily be excused.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN WITH PINKY MITCHELL
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

WISCONSIN'S LATEST THREAT TO NATIONAL RECOGNITION, popular light heavyweight, Orville Pitts, battered heavyweight, Joe Rowan of Phoenixville, Pa., into submission in six rounds at the Milwaukee Auditorium. Pitts weighed 175½ pounds, Rowan 193. Pitts, a powerful right hand puncher, nailed Rowan in the first round and had him down again before the bell sounded. It was that first round knockdown that caught Rowan cold and decided the fight. He never shook off that knockdown. Groggy and helpless at times, yet it took Pitts five more rounds before the referee stopped the fight with Rowan helpless on the ropes. Pitts, better than 6 feet two inches, is fast on his feet and uses a left jab very well to pave the way for a potent right. Pitts is a law student at the University of Wisconsin.

Eight rounds: George Jarosch, 171, Milwaukee, won unanimous decision over Chuck Craig, Toledo.

Lou Bailey, 175½, Chicago, scored technical knockout over Eddie O'Hara, 177½, Milwaukee, at 2:59 of fourth.

Johnny Neal, 154, Milwaukee, won unanimous decision over Don Jose, 147, Oakland, Calif., five rounds, Chuck Whittley, 172½, Milwaukee, won unanimous decision over Howard Lee, 167½, Chicago, five rounds.

Willie Miller, 144½, Chicago, scored technical knockout over Willie Harris, 140, Peoria, Ill., at 2:13 of fourth.

Attendance: 2,510. Receipts, $4,810.80 gross and $4,373.51 net. Promoter, Midwest Boxing club.

▶Coach John Walsh of the University of Wisconsin announced that boxing competition would start in January with a contenders tournament, followed in a week with an all University tournament. Then there would be six duel team matches between other Universities before they traveled to California for the NCAA tournament March 27-29th.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

THE PRESENCE OF FORMER heavyweight titleholder Jersey Joe Walcott in the corner of Garvin Sawyer failed to impress ranking heavy Zora Folley as he beat out a unanimous ten-round decision over Sawyer in a nationally televised main event on New Year's night from the Capitol Arena. Folley, 190, from Chandler, Ariz., was awarded 100 points on all score cards, Sawyer, 188, from Cincinnati, received 77 from Referee Charley Reynolds, 82 from Judge Harry Volkman and 76 from Judge Norvel Lee.

Sawyer was spilled for an eight count in the 8th and a nine count in the 9th.

In a six-round semi-windup, Rudy Watkins, 185, Baltimore, decisioned Frankie Williams, 191, Cincinnati.

Eldridge "Tommy" Thompson, 193, Quantico Marine Base, beat Nick Shanks, 190, Baltimore, four rounds. Ernie Knox, 179, Washington, won over Randy Brevard, 190, Washington, four rounds. Milton Ferguson, 132, Washington, won over "Shortstop" Hayward, 135, Washington, also a four-rounder.

It was declared "Jimmy Lake" night at Capitol in honor of the 78-year-old announcer and restaurant owner and this card, a benefit in his behalf, was promoted by Goldie Ahearn.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

THERE'S SOME TALK ABOUT THE STAGING OF PRO boxing shows in Memorial Auditorium but here it is mid-winter and nothing doing as yet. Promoter Dewey Michaels says he will run a show if he can get a topnotch main event. Tom Lippes has not renewed his Fairview A. C. license and the Niagara Franktier Frontier A. C. has apparently given up promotions. A new group—the Arena A. A.—has announced plans to run about five or six shows a year but no programs have been announced.

▶Another of Buffalo's old-time boxers, George Johnson, passed away last month. He lived on a ranch in Montana and once fought under the name of Kid Fredricks. The Kid met such worthies as Stanley Ketchel, Rube Ferns and Aurera Herrera, the hard-hitting Mexican. Johnson was a brother of Chick Johnson, well known trainer and manager who died about two years ago.

▶Bobby Scanlon, promising Buffalo lightweight, is now making San Francisco his headquarters.

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